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To: DOA Public Records Board Comments
Subject: Electronic records

Dear Matthew Blessing and Board Members:

I am totally opposed to the action taken by this board in August regarding "transitory records". Clearly, the decision made that day indicates a lack of familiarity with the current communication methods largely used to conduct meaningful business in the world of today. Either that, or the board doesn't appreciate the importance of voters to know what government is doing and who is doing it. **Anything** that limits the public access to information of this sort is an abrogation of the rights of citizens to know what government is doing and taxpayers who provide the money for government to do business.

The fact that within one day after this decision the administration under our governor took advantage of the decision certainly shows that this board is not working in the best interests of the people of Wisconsin and can be convinced to take action that helps government conceal information from the citizens. Indeed, the very fact that the public has only been allowed **one minute** to speak should they show up in Madison to attend this hearing reveals a complete disregard for the public's thoughts on this matter. I am appalled!

Further, any individual involved in an organization that has non-profit status knows that it is expected to keep detailed minutes of all official decisions. How this board that oversees the preservation and handling of government records could think that even "minor clarifying language", which this wasn't, did not need to be documented in the minutes of the meeting seems beyond reason.

Based on what has come out regarding these sordid events requires this board to recind their decision immediately. I would further suggest to the administration that the leadership of this board is not qualified to lead and needs to be replaced. This episode has only further eroded my confidence in those that seek to be public servants in the state of Wisconsin and I am grateful to the other entities that have made public the awful facts so I and my fellow voters can take action at the ballot box.

Sincerely,
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