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Members of Public Records Board:

In July of 2015, Governor Walker stated that he was "... committed to open and accountable government,"

Frankly, I don't see that happening as evidenced by the continued gutting of open records laws, rules, and regulations by the governor, the majority party of the Wisconsin Legislature, and now, the Public Records Board.

Wisconsin HAD a proud history of open government and for some reason it is now "open season" with the intent to deny the citizens of Wisconsin the right to know how their government works; how and why legislative decisions are made that affect the citizens' right to know how laws, regulations, and rules are written or changed that ultimately affect them; and preventing the citizenry's access to those public records when they question their legislators' and governor's motives regarding any legislative action.

My perception is that Governor Walker, some members of the Wisconsin Legislature, and the Public Records Board are trying to hide something from the citizens of Wisconsin which makes me angry and sad at the same time.

Your job is to serve the citizens of Wisconsin. I am seeing less and less evidence of that every day.

These actions need to be taken by the Public Records Board and all public employees:

1. Rescind the decision to limit access to text messages, emails, Facebook posts and ALL other electronic communications by public employees. They are public records!
2. Obey the Open Meetings Law and conduct all of your business in an open and transparent manner.

These blatant and repeated attacks on open government and records must stop. I am vehemently opposed to any efforts to diminish open government and open records in the State of Wisconsin.

It is the responsibility of all public employees to keep public records public!

It is my responsibility as a citizen to vote for people who will uphold the laws of Wisconsin and honor the proud heritage that is open Wisconsin government. Trust me when I say I will vote for candidates who believe as I do and I will encourage others to do the same.

Rescind your decision to limit access to electronic records and stop the attack on all of Wisconsin's Open Records and Open Meetings laws.

Sincerely,

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