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To: DOA Public Records Board Comments
Subject: Fwd: Protect access to government records

Attached is a copy of an email I have recently sent to my elected state representatives. I am very concerned about what you are doing to our democracy.

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>> I am a democrat and although we don't see eye to eye on many issues we can at least agree that our government is "of the people, by the people and for the people." You are my representative and you should know that I am very concerned about government records being hidden from me and my fellow citizens. We have a right as citizens in a democracy to be part of the process of government. We have a right to know who is making decisions on our behalf, what motivates those decisions and how we as citizens are affected by those decisions. When our representatives want to reduce citizens access to records about what our elected officials are up to it makes me ask what are they trying to hide. It makes me think that our rights are being taken away. It makes me think that our democratic and constitutional rights are being ignored and that our democracy is at risk.

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>> I love this country, I pay taxes and I vote. I expect you as my representative to do whatever is necessary to preserve our democratic rights as citizens. Forget partisan politics for the moment and ask yourself what kind of country you want to live in. Secrecy is a slippery slope. Please do the right thing.

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>> Sent from my iPad