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**From:** Joanne and/or Jim Collins <jcollins@centurytel.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2016 6:56 PM  
**To:** DOA Public Records Board Comments  
**Cc:** Janet Bewley; Beth Meyers  
**Subject:** Keep All Records Public

Dear Public Records Board and Honorable Legislators Bewley and Meyers;

I am appalled and needless to say, extremely disappointed to learn about the brazen Republican Legislature's attacks on democracy and open government in Wisconsin.

The Public Records Board has no right to limit access to public records. Why would you even try to keep information from the public? What's your motive for that? Sounds like you are wishing to instigate a "cover-up" of sorts. You need to keep the democratic process open and honest. You need to allow requested information to flow freely. It's unconscionable to limit availability to public employees communications such as text messages, e-mails, Facebook and other communications. The public has a right to know what you are doing and how you are spending precious time and resources. Public records need to remain public. Wisconsin government needs to be conducted in an open and honest fashion. I encourage you to consider rescinding your inappropriate decision to limit our right to know.

Sincerely,

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