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**To:** DOA Public Records Board Comments  
**Subject:** Keep open our public records

Greetings,

I am writing to express my opposition to any weakening of Wisconsin's open records laws. Public officials are representatives of the people and their communications while serving in that capacity must be accessible. I am opposed to the attempts by the current political regime to limit public access to their communications, including emails, letters, Facebook and other social media.

As a historian, I am keenly sensitive of the need for open and efficient record keeping of all public communications by state employees. Prior to the passing of sunshine laws in Wisconsin, there were nefarious efforts by politicians to keep the public in the dark. This led to corruption and malfeasance. Let's not return to those awful days.

Be honest. Be above-board. And keep Wisconsin's public records open to the public.

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