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Please register my strong opposition to any action to limit public access to the electronic communications of public employees here in Wisconsin. It's shocking and disheartening to think that those individuals whom we, the people, have elected would think for one moment that it's a good (or ethical) idea to make their communications less transparent. If public employees are doing their jobs honestly and properly, then they shouldn't have any hesitation or discomfort at the thought that their electronic communications would be accessible to taxpayers. We absolutely should have the right to see "how the sausage is made."

This just seems to me to be yet another effort to cloak our government in secrecy so that those in office can continue to grab – and keep – all the power they can get. If access to these electronic communications is restricted, it will clearly support the proposition that our form of democracy is broken.

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