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Subject: Limiting access to public records - not in Wisconsin!

To the Members of the Public Records Board:

I am a life-long resident of the State of Wisconsin and have always been proud of the reputation Wisconsin has had in the past for clean government and open records. I am appalled by the continuing efforts of this administration and those who are influenced by it in one way or another to hide behind decisions made in obscurity to veil the actions of public officials and employees from public scrutiny. I am an entrepreneur, have started and sold two businesses in this state, and have created hundreds of jobs along the way. I would not allow employees on my payroll to conduct clandestine operations in one of my companies and I expect no less visibility to the actions of public employees, who are also on "our" payroll. Please rescind the limitation of access to public records passed in secret last August. If state employees and officials have nothing to hide, there should be no reason for this restriction. If they do have something to hide, all the more reason for increased scrutiny. Perception is reality. Think about how your actions are being perceived. I will at the next election.

Respectfully submitted,

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