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As a citizen of Wisconsin and the USA, a voter and a tax payer, I have a right to know what the elected officials in my government are up to and I consider recent efforts on the part of elected officials to obscure their activities to be inappropriate. Now-a-days, e mail is a common form of business communication and the e mails of elected officials and their staff members should be considered as public records and treated as such. They should not be destroyed and they should be accessible to public entities such as the news media. These people help the rest of us keep an eye on you folks and I don't care to see them blinded in your continued effort to consolidate your power. Wisconsin has a tradition of open, honest government which I greatly appreciate and I resent all efforts by your board and individuals outside the board to make it any less open, honest and accountable to those of us who are paying for it.

The way you folks have been acting lately, you seem to be forgetting that government exists for the good of the people and not for the good of the political parties. If it were up to me, I'd require all meetings (including the ones in back rooms and closets) to be recorded as a matter of public record as well. Trustworthy is certainly not an adjective I would use to describe any of you folks in Madison these days. Very disappointing.

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