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**To:** DOA Public Records Board Comments  
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**Subject:** Open Government in Wisconsin

To the Public Records Board:

My understanding of the Public Records Board on which you serve is that your main responsibility is to keep public records public. For years, Wisconsin has been a model of open government and transparency. Until recently, when Republican politicians attempted to quietly pass legislation that would have drastically changed our open records law. Anything that would curb the public's ability to know what our elected officials are doing is not in keeping with our state's legacy of clean and open government.

Recently, with no public notice or reporting, your board voted to change the definition of "transitory records." As I'm sure you're aware, that action could allow politicians and others in power to limit access to text messages, emails, Facebook posts and other electronic communication by public employees. Surely, you will not support an effort which could have the negative consequence of encouraging elected officials and their staff to conduct the public's business under cover.

We hope that you will reconsider your recent actions, and instead, do everything in your power now and in the future to ensure that our state's long-standing legacy of open and transparent government is not eroded or negated on your watch.

Sincerely,

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