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**To:** DOA Public Records Board Comments  
**Cc:** Patty Bernhardt; Amy Evans; Kathy McCarthy  
**Subject:** Open Records - Please!

Dear Public Records Board:

Please rescind the policy to limit access to text messages, emails, Facebook posts and other electronic communications. In the 21st Century, these forms of communication are the norm. To exclude them from open public records would be a travesty.

This issue is about 'open government'. If the current situation is allowed to stand, much of state political decision making could occur secretly. This is contrary to our democracy.

Please help to keep Wisconsin honest. Rescind the decision to limit public access to electronic communications.

Thank you!

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