

## Rick Vollbrecht

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**From:** Rick Vollbrecht <Rvollb@wi.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2016 10:37 AM  
**To:** DOA Public Records Board Comments  
**Cc:** furgusonpm@doj.state.wi.us; Naab, Bryan S - LAB; Schmidt, Melissa A - LEGIS; Broady-Rudd, Sandra; Buesing, Carl; Sorce, Peter  
**Subject:** Open Records

I am a concerned citizen writing to strongly urge you to reconsider your decision to restrict public access to certain electronic records.

Our government is based on, and can only continue to function, if the public is able to know what its elected / appointed officials are doing. It is appalling and shameful that you would believe that certain public records should not be available to the public. Furthermore, to have made that decision with no public notice or opportunity for public input is against everything our government stands for. If government officials are making reasonable, well conceived and thoroughly open decisions, they should be proud of their efforts and not feel the need to conceal them from the public. On the other hand, if records are concealed from public review, we have every reason to believe that those decisions are not in our best interest.

At your next meeting, I expect that you will rescind your previous decision and make all records open to the public. The voters are aware of what you are doing, and failure to act in the best interest of the public will have consequences in future elections. We need a government we can trust!

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