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**From:** Eric Cabot <elcabot@gmail.com>  
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**To:** DOA Public Records Board Comments  
**Subject:** Please keep public records open -- even transient ones

To Whom it May Concern,

Recent, politically motivated, changes in Wisconsin open records regulations are nothing short of disgraceful. I see little reason that communications which pertain to the state's governance and/or were made at the public expense should not be available to public scrutiny, even if the information is not available free-of-charge. And, yes, this includes so-called transitory forms of communication such as text messages. After all, it is the message content, not the medium of transmission that is of importance.

If there is really nothing to hide, then why are some of our "leaders" working for the curtailment open records? Are they really fooling anyone? Isn't this "lack of sunshine" really analagous to politicians hanging out a shingle reading "open for dirty business"? The fact that this kind of issue has even come up, shows how morally bankrupt the government of our state has become. Please act now to reverse your previous ruling on open records.

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