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To: Public Records Board

Never in my 71 years as a lifelong resident of Wisconsin have I seen such **an insidious attack on democracy** as I have seen **by** the present administration and **the extremists** posing as Republican legislators regarding open records and a host of other issues. **Never have I seen such contempt for democracy from elected officials.**

**It is equally insidious that the Public Records Board** that is charged with the duty to preserve and handle government records **would change** “the definition of so-called transitory electronic records” **“without public notice, “without recording a public vote,” “or even in your own meeting minutes.”**

**Clearly, secrecy is the name of the game in Wisconsin** and **all available avenues are being used to hide the activities of the extremists who have total control of Wisconsin and are no longer accountable to the citizens of Wisconsin.** Basically, the system is rigged in Wisconsin and “we the people” are no longer relevant, other than we will bear the brunt of their actions for years to come and we pay the bills.

Corruption is rampant in Wisconsin and the Public Records Board through your actions opens the door to even more corruption and the secrecy that goes along with a corrupt government.

Every form of communication--text messages, emails, Facebook posts, other forms of electronic communications, phone calls ,etc. --by public employees must be protected and be open to the public.

**It is the responsibility of the Public Records Board “to keep public records public.”**

As The Open Letter to the State Public Records Board written by George Stanley, the editor of the MJS states: "At your next meeting on Monday, please go further than merely rescinding your redefinition of electronic records, now that you have seen how it will be used. Please also make a public commitment that the board you (Mr. Blessing) lead will do everything it can in the future to protect and promote citizen access to their government's records."

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/statepolitics/an-open-letter-to-the-state-public-records-board-b99647130z1-364413531.html>

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/speak-out-electronic-records-belong-to-wisconsins-citizens-b99646169z1--364277531.html>

As a citizen, I am outraged and speaking out. Protect the access to government's records.

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