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As a concerned citizen of Wisconsin, I want to send the strongest possible message to the Public Records Board, as well as the misguided leadership of our legislature and current administration, that I object to any attempts that obscure or hide the doings of government from public scrutiny. We need more openness in the conduct of state business, not less -- and making any changes that diminish the ability of the press and / or the citizenry to openly view messages or transactions is a step backward.

Any public servant, elected or otherwise, who makes it easy to hide those activities will earn -- and fully deserve -- the scorn of the people. Making changes to disclosure rules that benefit those in power inevitably diminishes the ability of the citizenry to see, evaluate and possibly question the actions of those who profess to serve the public.

I humbly remind you that the motto of this great state is "Forward" -- not "Backward." Give us open government and the ability to see it clearly in action, with rules and laws that fully reflect that ideal.

Sincerely,

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