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From the editorial board of the Green Bay Press-Gazette:

The Green Bay Press-Gazette opposes the Public Records Board action that ended requirements to maintain records that were deemed transitory.

Records, such as visitors logs for the governor's residence and text messages between state agencies and clients, should remain public and should not be destroyed based on the discretion of officials, especially since some of them might be the very subject of scrutiny.

The state of Wisconsin has a long history for good, open government. We would like to see that continue. However, if we continue down the road of hiding the actions of public employees and elected officials, we will lose that reputation.

In order for our democracy to work, the public needs to be able to hold accountable those it elects and those who serve in the interest of state residents. This further erosion of open, transparent government works against state residents' needs and benefits those whose actions it obscures.

Rescind the Aug. 24 action on transitory records.

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