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Dear:

I am very disappointed by the recent conduct of the Public Records Board. Obscure changes to policies were not mentioned in meeting notices or in publicly released minutes. However, these changes were immediately utilized by the state government to shield the release of highly relevant (and potentially damaging) public information. This discrepancy indicates secret coordination between government entities that should be occurring in daylight. Even if these acts were not unethical, the manner in which they were undertaken can only make the average citizen assume the worst.

As more and more of communication occurs through electronic means, government records can be more easily preserved and more easily hid. It is the duty of the Public Records Board to ensure that the former occurs and not the latter.

I want there to be a positive future for the state I live in and love. The changes to transparency in government can only negatively affect the state's reputation and ability to have a responsive government.

As a citizen, I strongly condemn the secret, unneeded, and fundamentally unethical changes to the interpretation of the public records law.

In desire of a transparent government,
Mark Kelly