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Good afternoon.

I am disgusted to learn that limitations of public access to government records continues to be pursued in Wisconsin. The most important part of any free society is the involvement of the public in its governmental actions. This applies to all public, not just the selected and privileged supporters of a particular political party.

Limiting the knowledge of state governmental actions by hiding text messages, emails, Facebook posts and other electronic communications by public employees just fosters an environment vulnerable to the corruption often seen in less free societies. Operating businesses in such a manner is one thing, but this should never be tolerated when it comes to government. A free people deserve an open and responsive government in any and all cases. That now seems to be lacking far too often in today's Wisconsin.

If I have learned anything in the last five years, I've learned that business people make lousy public servants, especially when it comes to lawmaking. As a result, I am considering stopping my support of most Wisconsin businesses until I see the return of our state government back to the people.

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