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We wish to express our EXTREME displeasure with the latest attempt by the state legislature to further limit access to public records.

All the technological advances have greatly changed the face of communication among citizens, but that does NOT mean you have the right to limit the public's access to text messages, emails, Facebook posts and other electronic communications by public officials and public employees regarding their duties.

HELLO! Do you not understand the meaning of public?

You answer to us, the citizens of Wisconsin who pay taxes.

And as lifelong citizens of Wisconsin, we demand that you be held accountable for all of your actions as they relate to official public business.

Whether a public employee or an elected state official, you serve at the will of the citizens of Wisconsin and must be held accountable for all of your actions related to your public roles, including making all forms of communication regarding state business OPEN AND AVAILABLE to the citizens.

We in Wisconsin do NOT conduct our business in secret. When public business is involved and it involves or affects taxpayer dollars, we will not tolerate government employees -- including elected officials -- operating in secret or denying our access to information regarding such business.

We remind you of your responsibility as a public official/employee to serve the people of your state. You must rescind this latest attempt to limit public access by changing the definition of "transitory records." This isn't Iran. This is Wisconsin and we demand better!

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