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Subject: Rescind Action Taken in August of 2015 to Redefine "Transitory Records"

It is my understanding that the definition of "transitory records" was changed in August of 2015 by the Public Records Board without public notice or reporting. As a result of this change, public access to text messages, emails, Facebook posts and other electronic communications by public employees has been limited and even blocked. The effect of this is that public employees are allowed and even encouraged to communicate behind the scenes without accountability to the public. Is this really how we want our government to operate in Wisconsin?

I believe in open records and accountability, which means that records involving all communication in any form by public employees need to be accessible to the people. On behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin and in responsibility to them, the Public Records Board must do the right thing and rescind the action it took last August to redefine transitory records. Please preserve the right of citizens to have our public employees operate in the light rather than in the shadows by making all communication in any format public.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

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