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To: DOA Public Records Board Comments
Subject: Rescind your decision to limit access to public records

To Members of the Public Records Board:

I am writing to express my surprise and disagreement with your decision to re-define "transitory records" within the body of public records in Wisconsin. I encourage you to rescind this decision.

Wisconsin residents need to know, and deserve to know, all communications that take place on our behalf and with our taxpayer dollars as state business is conducted.

Today, electronic communications including but not limited to texts, Facebook posts and emails are common means of conducting business. Re-defining these and other electronic methods as "transitory" and therefore not part of State records is wrong. Such action limits the public's right to know what our elected officials and State employees are talking about, planning, doing, etc.

Public business must be conducted in public, and that includes preservation and public access of all communications pertaining to State business.

Thank you for your time and your public service. I look forward to hearing you have rescinded this erroneous definition.

Best wishes,
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