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I am writing to urge the Public Records Board to rescind its action to limit access to text messages, emails, Facebook posts and other electronic communications by public employees. As a taxpayer and life-long citizen of Wisconsin, I expect public records to be open and accessible to ensure government decision making is transparent and accountable to the public. Limiting access opens the door to secret, behind the doors deals not in the best interest of Wisconsin's hard working taxpayers and citizens. Wisconsin has had a long history of good, clean government . . . that is until many of the actions of the current Republican-stronghold Legislators and Administration. An example is the shameful shenanigans involving the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. Keeping public records open and accessible will help keep legislators and government officials honest across all political party lines. The public has a right to know the actions and communications of its elected officials and public employees.

Do the right thing . . . rescind limiting access to public records.

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