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**From:** Connie Beck <cmalkson@sbcglobal.net>  
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**To:** DOA Public Records Board Comments  
**Subject:** Right of a WI citizen to have access to Open Public Records

After reading the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's article on electronic records belonging to Wisconsin citizens being closed to the public was a ridiculous and sneaky idea of the Public Records Board.

It makes me feel like we are going down a greased slippery slope on this one. The term "transitory" and allowing those types of records to be exempt from public disclosure, because they supposedly have only temporary value, is ridiculous, and you know it. Really? When I send an e mail, text, snail mail, etc., it is all the same. I don't send a "temporary" birthday wish, note to a friend, or do business on-line, etc., for a "temporary" value. These days, much of public business is conducted through electronic means using tax payer monies, and I have a right to know what those are. And, I don't care for your sneaky, quiet, quick before anyone finds out, method of keeping things like this from the public who should be able to go to a hearing/meeting and have input on something as important as this issue. This new definition by the Public Records Board would close off access to thousands of important communications conducted routinely throughout the state of WI. Seriously? Public citizens elected by public citizens should be serving the needs and rights of the public that elected them. What are you intending to hide? If you have nothing to worry about and you are doing an honest job, why the sneakiness and need for something that has worked and is more fair than your idea? Drawing the curtains on open government is unacceptable. Period! Nothing more to discuss.  
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