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Members of the Board:

The assault on open records must stop! Republicans have shielded themselves from investigation by exempting politicians from John Doe investigations and independent campaign oversight by destroying the effective GAB. The people spoke when Republicans tried to sneak through anti - open records rules in July - engineered solely to protect themselves from media oversight - and are outraged now that an obscure panel, acting in secret, has determined that there is such a thing as "temporary" communications that need not be kept as part of the public record. Though claiming no complicity, the Walker administration used that determination the very next day as justification to refuse open record requests. The only conclusion one can come to given these actions is that someone is extremely fearful of activities coming to light.

The government is accountable to the people. All actions and communications done in the service of the people and on the people's dime must be preserved and available for review upon request.

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