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From: John and Joanne Heup <jheup@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 11:34 PM
To: DOA Public Records Board Comments
Subject: Transitory Record Retention

Dear Public Records Board members,

I am writing to you in response to your actions taken on August 24, 2015, I respectfully requests that the Public Records Board reverse its August, 24, 2015 decision to allow for the immediate disposal of "transitory records." The immediate disposal of public records runs contrary to the presumption of openness mandated by the Wisconsin Public Records Law. This policy change, which included an expansion of the definition of a "transitory record," already, has had significant, unintended, adverse consequences for open government. I am unclear of the boards' motives in taking these actions. Regardless of their motives, these actions have far reaching ramifications in eroding the accountability of our legislative bodies of the State of Wisconsin. In a Democratic government we need basic checks and balances to maintain the integrity of an open and honest government, which is the fabric of the foundation our freedoms of the State of Wisconsin and the United States have been built on.

I would like to give everyone the benefit of the doubt of making an "honest mistake", to support this, I urge you all to reverse your decision.

Sincerely,

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