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Subject: Transitory Records Definition

I am requesting the Public Records Board rescind its previous action regarding the definition of transitory records which limits access to text messages, emails, Facebook posts and other electronic communications by public employees. As a former City Clerk for the City of Milwaukee, member of the City Records Committee, and past supervisor of the City Records Center, I have had a long involvement in responding to requests for records of public officials and employees. In working with our city attorney, it has been made abundantly clear to me that it is the content of a communication and not its form that should determine whether it constitutes a public record. If public business is being conducted via these methods, it should be accessible to the public.

Thank you for scheduling your meeting to reconsider your earlier action.

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