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Public Records Board,

We have been following the recent news stories about the state Public Records Board's recent attempt to curb public access to government communications and keep the citizens of Wisconsin in the dark about what their elected officials may be doing.

The recent activity of the current administration, and of the Public Records Board, is contrary to the spirit and intent of an open government. Transitory messages are just as significant as any other government record, and may even be more so in this electronic age. Whether the records are in printed, electronic, or any other form makes no difference. The people's business and the activities of its elected officials and employees needs to be available for review by the public. Anything less is unacceptable.

Please rescind the policy revision regarding "transitory records" that was made this past August, and in the future refrain from pursuing or supporting these avenues of trying to hide the actions of state government officials and employees from their citizen constituents. Shouldn't this board's responsibility be just the opposite, to insure that the citizens of Wisconsin have complete and total access to the functioning of their government?

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