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To: DOA Public Records Board Comments
Subject: Wisconsin Public Needs Access To ALL Public Records, including Texts, Email . . .

. . . Facebook Messages and **All** other Electronic Communications.

I am an Independent voter in Wisconsin who votes in every election, Wisconsin and Federal. I have done so throughout my adult life, choosing Politicians based on their stance on issues important to me. I am also a retired Milwaukee County employee and former Federal employee.

Open records laws have been in place during the entire 32 years that I was working for the Government. I have always believed that absolute transparency needs to be provided and enforced by the Open Records Laws.

Over the past 20 years, first, Email and then the other emergent Electronic Communications (of all sorts) became the tools of communication in addition to, and sometimes, in lieu of, conventional written instruments.

NO Party benefits through techniques which exclude the Public's ability to observe the workings of the Government Officials whose salaries they pay. This is not a single political party issue -- Republican party constituents are likely to be adversely affected as well [particularly when political parties change hands].

If the Public Records Board continues its quest to suppress lawfully requested Electronic public records of every type, I will make sure to work my very hardest to get the Vote out against each and every Legislator who votes for an Opaque public records policy.

Do Not Limit Public Access to ALL public records!

Sincerely,
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