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To: DOA Public Records Board Comments

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Public Records Board's recent decision to limit public access to certain types of electronic records such as text messages, emails and other forms of electronic communication by public employees. These communications are created by government officials and others conducting state and local government business, activity that ultimately affects me and my interests. I have the right to know the full extent of such deliberations and how decisions affecting policy and legislation are made. The people involved in these positions serve me. I have every right to know what they are doing. That is how our form of government was designed.

I will be carefully watching how the Board and Wisconsin officials deal with this issue. No good justification exists for this decision of the Board, other than a desire for secrecy and avoidance of transparency and accountability.

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