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To the Public Records Board:

By this email, I wish to communicate my objection to the idea that electronic communications of any nature -- email, text message, social media of any stripe, or any other e-communication that has yet to be dreamed up -- are transitory in nature as they relate to the business of government. Paper letters and printed documents are increasingly a thing of the past, and government officials make themselves available via various electronic methods. Those methods should not be subject to any less scrutiny or any less stringent archival and open records requirements than any previously accepted format. The idea that electronic communication somehow carries less gravity than paper documents, and thus can be excluded from the public's access to open records, is backwards thinking. It is completely out of step with the reality of modern methods of communication.

Exempting these communications from open records and public access is a serious blow for democracy, completely contrary to our form of government and our way of life.

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