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**From:** Joan Nink <joan.nink@sbcglobal.net>  
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**To:** DOA Public Records Board Comments  
**Subject:** electronic records should be part of public record

To the Members of the Public Review Board,

1. I OPPOSE the suppression of records deemed "transitory." This word is ambiguous and undefined. It leads to a slippery slope. I am capable of deciding for myself what public information is important and what is not. I expect it all to be made available.

2. I OPPOSE the Public Review Board's decision to limit access to electronic records of public employees including text messages, social media, or e-mails sent on private servers.

As you know, and as every working person knows, electronic methods of communicating are an integral part of the work day. It is how we communicate ideas, plans, timelines, revisions, and decisions. For public employees as for ALL employees, these vital communications are essential records of our work.

All communications are essential to the public interest, whether they be transmitted via electronic methods or otherwise. All communications are essential to the public interest, whether deemed "transitory" or not.

In 2016, we have the ability to store and retain data. And the cost of storing and retaining data in the cloud is insignificant.

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