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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 6, 2016 8:33 PM  
**To:** DOA Public Records Board Comments; Blessing, Matthew T - WHS; Ferguson, Paul M - DOJ; Naab, Bryan S - LAB; Schmidt, Melissa A - LEGIS; Broady-Rudd, Sandra; "bues513@sbcglobal.net;ps9444"@aol.com  
**Subject:** keep our open records laws

**TO:** Members of the Public Records Board of WI  
**FROM:** Cynthia Byrne – enraged citizen of WI  
**RE:** Rescind the PRB action to limit access to text messages, emails, Facebook posts & other electronic communications by public employees  
**DATE:** Wednesday, January 6, 2016 7:45 p.m.

Members of the PRB,

Once again you attempt to thwart citizen's access to an open and transparent government in WI.

This reminds me of last July when the WI Joint Finance Committee met and moved in secret to gut Wisconsin's open records laws – assuming that no one would notice because it was the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

Well I did notice and took great offense - even though I was in MI caring for an aging family member. I was enraged at this behavior and tactics by WI elected officials.

Attempting to limit citizen access to open government is unacceptable and unethical. Elected officials work for the citizens of this state. Let it be known that there will be consequences in this election year for those that try to curb access to open government.

I am so sick of this! The Scott Walker administration has repeatedly dismissed open, transparent government and has manipulated laws and administrative rules in secret - without debate to craft their ideology. This is wrong, unethical and not how democracy functions.

Written and electronic records of actions conducted by public officials belong to the public. You DON'T get to decide what is "significant information" and what is not. This issue is not bound by partisan politics. It is about good, honest government by the people, for the people.

I demand that you do what is just, ethical and right. Rescind this action to limit access to text messages, emails, Facebook posts and other electronic communications by public employees – now.