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I urge the Public Records Board to reclaim Wisconsin's history and tradition of transparency and open records. The August decision relative to transitory records does not reflect our democratic values as an open and transparent state and local government. Given the nature of electronic communication in our society, emails and texts are frequently the communication channel of choice. And also, apparently an opportunity to deny the public's right to know when now considered "transitory" and therefore blocked from the public or completely deleted.

I work with international exchange programs that bring citizens, judges, law makers, and a myriad of professionals to the US for professional exchanges, with a focus on presenting democracy and open government in action. These delegates are from former Soviet countries. Wisconsin seems to be reverting course towards the corruption and opaque government these leaders are working to overcome and develop a more democratic society.

Please reconsider the August definition of transitory and reinstate your default to transparency and accountability in all communication.

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