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I am writing this email to object to the action that the Public Records Board took last summer to severely limit the public's right to have access to government e-mails, text messages, Facebook posts and other electronic communications made by public employees. These communications are just as important as more traditional communications, such as those typed or written on paper. The intent of the legislation is to codify the long-standing tradition in Wisconsin to keep virtually all government records open to the public. The effort last summer on the part of the Republican led Joint Finance Committee to sneak huge changes to the Open Records law through the legislative process on a Friday night before a long holiday weekend will not be forgotten. The reasons given for that action after the public caught on and roared its disapproval were laughable and will not be forgotten in November. Leave the Open Records law alone.