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I would like to voice my opposition to the proposal to restrict access to electronic records. As a student of history, I know that commentary that seems peripheral to decision making often lends crucial insight into that process. Emails, Facebook, and Twitter, to name just three, are forms of communicating information. Often that information is chatty and casual, but other times, a phrase, a statement, is contained therein that puts that chatter into a perspective that opens up the process of how decisions are really made.

If the proposals of this change have nothing to hide, they should welcome the opportunity to have their electronic exchanges available to anyone who wants to see them.

The proposal here is a slippery slope, with the dominant party deciding what can be viewed and by whom and when.

As someone who feels that access to public records of all kinds is important to the successful functioning of a democracy--and I include electronic exchanges posted by government employees and officials in this category--I am deeply opposed to this newest proposal from the dominant party in the state legislature.

Sincerely

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