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**From:** Michael Koch <claudiamike@sbcglobal.net>  
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**To:** DOA Public Records Board Comments  
**Subject:** rescind the change to electronic messages

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing in connection with changes that the Public Records Board has made for so-called **transitory messages**. I find it **ludicrous that text messages, so-called Tweets, Facebook posts, SMS messages or similar communications should be exempt from open access when they involve any state business. Such messages are frequently used by public employees and state officials to convey substantive decisions, opinions, directives, and other content that immediately impact Wisconsin's citizens and our representatives' activities.**

**Such electronic messages need to be openly accessible to ensure proper transparency in government. It is embarrassing to me as a native-born and usually proud Wisconsinite that our government should have any appearance of corruption or obfuscation like this. I insist that the Public Records Board rescind the change made to the definition of 'transitory records' immediately.**

Yours faithfully

Michael Koch, PhD

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