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I am a small business owner in Grafton, Wisconsin, among other roles in life.

Regarding the open records law, I support it wholeheartedly and "transitory records" should absolutely be included. Hiding/deleting electronic communications is no different than shredding paper documents. Exempting "transitory records" from the open records law effectively guts the law and the intention of the law to keep our elected officials answerable and honest. How far do we push the definition of "transitory?" Email and text are nothing more than computer code rendered on a screen, and capable of being printed on paper. Faxes are basically computer code rendered on paper. Letters and print documents are directly physical renderings on paper. It's all the same thing: **information**. And the intent of the open records law was to make **information** available to the public, regardless of the vehicle of transmission.

Please uphold the open records law, and include under the law all forms of so-called "transitory records."

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