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Ladies and Gentlemen:

State officials should NOT conduct their business in private because open government is the only acceptable way to run the government in the State of Wisconsin (or any state). Electronic records must be available for public scrutiny just as hard copy records should be.

Last year when the state Legislature's Joint Financial Committee moved to gut the State of Wisconsin's open records law, it was done at a late night session following the July 4th weekend. This is UNACCEPTABLE. I can only assume that the JFC and the current administration, has something to hide because they did not want the public to know what the committee was doing. The actions of this committee and the current administration has led me, and many other citizens, to conclude that "power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely".

Many issues have been pushed past the citizens of this state as part of an agenda that has been dictated to our representatives by out of state contributors who only want to line their pockets with more profits. Wisconsin, once known for clean government, is now known for being for sale to the highest bidder. ie three "fracking" mines in state when Governor Walker took office, now more than 300!! Koch brothers have gladly supplied the chemicals needed to run those mines. These mines did NOT create any new jobs for the state either!! This is an example of what this legislature is doing to our state.

Again, conducting any business in private is WRONG. Open government is the only acceptable way to run any government. Citizens must know what their legislators are doing. With this latest action, it is apparent that they are again DOING WRONG for Wisconsin.

Remember that election day is quickly approaching, and the people will speak with their votes.

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