



Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council

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Dear Members of the Wisconsin Supreme Court:

The Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council has become aware, through emails exchanged between Director of State Courts Randy Koschnick and a recent records requester, that the Wisconsin Supreme Court is weighing the applicability of the state open records law to the state court system.

We are urgently writing you to learn more about this process, and to request an opportunity for input, from ourselves and other members of the public. The state court system represents more than \$100 million in taxpayer spending per fiscal year and decides critically important matters related to criminal and civil justice. The applicability of the open records law to the system is of significant public interest, and any decision on this issue will benefit from input by informed and interested parties.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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