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Evers Using Messaging Apps to Evade Open Records Laws

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Madison – State Representative Janel Brandtjen released the following statement in response to Governor Evers and his staff illegally using messaging apps:

“Governor Evers and his staff have allegedly utilized messaging apps such as WhatsApp and Signal for internal communications. It's essential to note that the governor's office's open records laws explicitly prohibit deleting emails, texts, WhatsApp, Signal, or any electronic communications. Despite these regulations, undisclosed sources persist in claiming the use of these applications.

The reported use of these unauthorized electronic communications raises concerns about potential violations of open records laws in the State of Wisconsin. The legislature should consider launching an investigation into the governor's use of electronic messaging platforms that automatically delete records after a specified duration. It is imperative for Governor Evers to be transparent and accountable to the people of Wisconsin, addressing any potential violations of open records laws.

The alleged use of these messaging apps, which allow messages to be deleted after a set timeframe, suggests an attempt to evade open records requirements, thus potentially deceiving the public. A thorough investigation by the legislature will help ascertain the accuracy of these claims and ensure that appropriate actions are taken if any open records violations are substantiated. Once again, I anticipate the legislature's investigation to shed light on the matter and hold Governor Evers accountable for any potential breaches of open records laws.”

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