

On Fri, Jun 17, 2016 at 11:27 AM, Bill Lueders <[blueders@gmail.com](mailto:blueders@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Dear recipients:

A few of you received, as did I, an email yesterday from Sheila Plotkin, the FOIC's Citizen Openness Award winner for 2016, calling attention to her latest blog post, at <http://we-the-irrelevant.org/what-s-going-on-here->

In sending this reply, I've added a few names to her list of recipients.

I think this is a big deal, something we should all take notice of. It appears to be a deliberate and highly offensive strategy to prevent the public from learning how often it's input is being ignored.

Plotkin, in response to her request to state Rep. Scott Krug for the input he received regarding controversial water legislation, instead received records created by Krug's office that log contacts while omitting the most important thing about them: The position they urge the lawmaker to take.

It remains unclear why the representative did not provide the requested records—whether he has destroyed them, as state retention rules unfortunately allow, or whether he is hiding them.

From an open government perspective, I think we can all agree, lawmakers should NOT be hiding or destroying the contacts they get and replacing them with records of their own making that are designed to be meaningless.

Reporters should be asking what happened to the emails Plotkin asked for that were not provided. An editorial writers should be calling attention to this sleazy subterfuge.

Please do look at the link Plotkin shared: <http://we-the-irrelevant.org/what-s-going-on-here->

Also check out the additional information she sent me, attached.

Exhibits A and B are examples of the records that were provided, stripped of relevance. The web post contains Plotkin's own email to lawmakers. Compare that to Exhibit B, which is what Krug's office provided.

Please, let's make a stink about this.

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