

I am writing today in support of a strong and independent Public Records Advocate. Oregon needs much work to make records transparent and easily accessible. As a transportation safety advocate, I have seen times where public records have been taken offline specifically to evade reporters, and public records administrators incorrectly cite the law and go far past their legal deadline for providing records.

Oregon needs strong advocacy to reform these systems and educate government agencies about their duties. I personally attended trainings from Ginger McCall and am frustrated with the State that we have lost her as a resource. In light of her departure, I hope that reform is on the way to ensure this office can function as intended.

Thank you,
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