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## 2015 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32

April 7, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives SHANKLAND, BARCA, JORGENSEN, ZAMARRIPA, BARNES, BOWEN, BROSTOFF, GOYKE, HINTZ, KESSLER, MEYERS, OHNSTAD, SPREITZER, SUBECK, C. TAYLOR, WACHS, ZEPNICK, BERCEAU, DANOU, RIEMER, KAHL, SINICKI, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, CONSIDINE and STUCK. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** protecting open and transparent government in Wisconsin.

2       Whereas, as Governor Walker states in Executive Order 189, Wisconsin has  
3 enjoyed a long history of open and transparent government; and

4       Whereas, except for the time that 12 Republican members of the Joint  
5 Committee on Finance voted to completely eviscerate our state's open records law  
6 while families were preparing to celebrate our nation's independence and  
7 exceptionalism; and

8       Whereas, despite substantial backlash from Wisconsin taxpayers and media  
9 outlets that forced Republicans to distance themselves from the idea of dismantling  
10 our open records law, the fall 2015 Republican Party agenda consisted of legislation  
11 that will make lawmakers less accountable to the people they serve; and

12       Whereas, Republican legislators had the gall to exempt themselves from John  
13 Doe investigations, increase the amount of money they may receive from campaign  
14 donors, and turn Wisconsin's nationally recognized government watchdog — the  
15 Government Accountability Board — into a politically appointed commission; and

