



# Governor Walker's Veto Favors Transparency!

## *Government Accountability Board*

- Statement of Economic Interest. Provision limiting access to statements vetoed because it limited access to statements to in-person review.

### **Rule would restrict access to Statements of Economic Interest**

- A provision in a motion adopted May 24 by the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee would greatly restrict access to the statements. The motion would "amend current law to specify that statements of economic interest and any information contained therein may only be available for public inspection and copying at the office of the Government Accountability Board." (Currently, requesters can fill out an online form and have these statements sent to them - this motion would require the trip to Madison.)
- We sent out an action alert on this earlier this month asking stations to talk about this in their newscasts and editorials.
- The omnibus amendment passed by the Legislature intended to REMOVE language that would have ended the practice of emailing ethics statements to those who request them, but lawmakers said somehow that change got lost in the translation.
- YOUR WBA THEN ASKED GOVERNOR WALKER TO USE HIS VETO PEN TO REMOVE THIS LANGUAGE FROM THE BUDGET.