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OPPOSE

Dear Committee Members:

I oppose this bill because I believe it will undermine government accountability because it would allow the Public Information Act Compliance Board to dismiss or limit public records (PIA) requests it deems "abusive." This could be subjective and open to misuse. It risks enabling government agencies to avoid answering legitimate requests, especially those that may expose wrongdoing or challenge the status quo. People expect government officials to work for our benefit, not against us, and not under cover of darkness. Any bill like this that reduces transparency should be opposed/withdrawn.

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