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WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR

23RD SENATE DISTRICT

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Ms. Carolyn Kaiser
2964 35th Ave
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Dear Ms. Kaiser,

Thank you for contacting me about the proposed Foxconn facility and its potential impact on Wisconsin's natural resources. As your state senator, I appreciate the opportunity to learn your thoughts on this important issue.

As you know, Foxconn has proposed a \$10 billion facility on 1,000 acres in southeastern Wisconsin that will employ up to 13,000 workers. I share your concern for our environment and agree that we need to carefully review this proposal to ensure this investment in our state doesn't come at the cost of our natural resources.

To close the deal and begin construction on the new facility, Governor Walker has proposed a \$2.85 billion incentive package that includes waiving certain duplicative environmental standards, while strengthening others. The proposal does not require Department of Natural Resources approval for construction on certain types of wetlands. However, construction on wetlands would still require a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers environmental impact evaluation and requires the company to obtain a federal permit. Normally, for every one acre of wetland lost during construction, 1.2 replacement acres must be created, however, the proposal requires that Foxconn create two replacement acres for every acre lost. In addition, Foxconn is still required to meet all state and federal emissions and waste standards and will need to obtain permits for air emissions, wastewater disposal, and hazardous waste.

As you know, the Assembly passed the proposal on August 17. Over the coming days, the Joint Finance Committee will review the proposal and hold a public hearing. The committee and legislators from both houses may introduce amendments and the bill could potentially go through changes. Once both houses have approved the same version of the bill it will go to Governor Walker to be signed. I will certainly keep your thoughts in mind throughout this process.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts with me. Please do not hesitate to contact me again if you have any questions or concerns on any state-related issues.

Sincerely,

TERRY MOULTON
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