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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin has provided substantial economic incentives, including \$3 billion in tax incentives, to Foxconn Technology Group for the purpose of establishing three new manufacturing facilities along the Wisconsin-Illinois border; and

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WHEREAS, Residents on both sides of the border will undoubtedly benefit from the creation of new jobs; Wisconsin and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have waived critical environmental and public health reviews to fast track the project; and

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WHEREAS, Governor Walker and the Wisconsin State Assembly have approved fast-tracking environmental permits, so that construction on the three facilities may begin as soon as reasonably possible; and

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WHEREAS, Foxconn has been allowed to fill 26 acres of wetlands in Wisconsin with dredged materials without an environmental impact study or input from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

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WHEREAS, The wetlands affected in and around Racine County, Wisconsin sit in the Des Plaines River watershed, which extends

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1 into Illinois and is critical for clean water, flood water
2 storage, and the ecological integrity of the watershed; and

3 WHEREAS, Foxconn is seeking to use approximately seven
4 million gallons of water per day from Lake Michigan, a shared
5 and primary source of drinking water for millions of people
6 throughout Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan; and

7 WHEREAS, The Great Lakes Compact clearing states that water
8 from Lake Michigan be used for a "Group of largely residential
9 customers"; and

10 WHEREAS, Foxconn has submitted a request for an air
11 pollution permit that would allow the three manufacturing
12 facilities the ability to emit high amounts of particulate,
13 including nitrous oxide and volatile organic material that
14 could lead to ozone damage; and

15 WHEREAS, The Illinois Attorney General is seeking to
16 challenge the U.S. EPA's ruling that exempts much of southeast
17 Wisconsin from stricter ozone regulations; and

18 WHEREAS, The filling of wetlands, use of
19 residentially-protected water, and exposure to particulate all
20 pose serious unanswered public health and safety questions for
21 residents in Lake County and northern Illinois that must be

1 reviewed; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 caution Wisconsin to not hastily approve permits for Foxconn
5 Technology Group to use seven million gallons of water per day
6 from Lake Michigan, as it will directly affect Illinoisans; and
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be sent
9 to Governor Scott Walker and members of the Wisconsin State
10 Assembly, so that they may see Illinois has a shared interest
11 in the affects these facilities will have on the environment
12 and the health of residents along the Illinois-Wisconsin
13 border.