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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Wisconsin General Assembly passed legislation that incentivizes Foxconn Technology Group to open and operate a facility in Racine County, Wisconsin that would waive significant environment protections; and

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WHEREAS, Foxconn will be allowed to discharge dredged materials or fill wetlands without a permit and forego environmental impact statements; and

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WHEREAS, Racine County and the site chosen sits in the Des Plaines watershed that also extends into Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Wetlands are vital for clean water, flood water storage, and ecological integrity; and

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WHEREAS, Flooding in the Des Plaines River watershed and throughout Lake County has cost billions of dollars and caused severe damage; and

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WHEREAS, Foxconn plans to draw seven million gallons of water a day from Lake Michigan, a critical water resource for the people of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, There are questions being raised about whether the

1 diversion request meets the definition and intent of the Great
2 Lakes Compact requirement that water be used for a "Group of
3 largely residential customers"; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the State of
6 Wisconsin to consider the serious concerns over the Foxconn
7 development due to the environmental and public health threats
8 it poses to the people of Illinois; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we urge Illinois agencies to take whatever
10 actions possible to protect against the loss of water
11 resources, the potential flooding, and other ecological
12 impacts from this development; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That we state our belief that Illinois should not
14 waive similar environmental requirements for any developments
15 seeking to locate in Illinois.