



DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS
JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

June 8, 2018

Senator Alberta Darling, Co-Chair
Joint Finance Committee
317 East, State Capitol

Representative John Nygren
Joint Finance Committee
309 East, State Capitol

Dear Sen. Darling and Rep. Nygren:

We are writing to respectfully request a hearing of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) to address spending for Foxconn-related work on the I-94 north-south project.

As you know, both the original Foxconn incentive package and the budget bill as passed by this Committee and the Legislature called for JFC review of spending for this project once federal funding was announced, but the Governor vetoed those oversight provisions. Such review would have provided an opportunity for the public to learn more about the costs associated with this project and its impact on infrastructure needs in communities across the rest of the state. The Governor's veto should not deny taxpayers that accountability.

Wisconsin businesses and drivers are already facing the loss of \$90 million in transportation funding due to Foxconn. Roads and bridges that need and deserve work will lose that funding to Foxconn. Unfortunately, that is just one part of the overall cost to Wisconsin residents that has increased to \$4.5 billion even before the ceremonial groundbreaking, and very likely well before the company makes its last demand of Wisconsin taxpayers.

Wisconsin drivers and taxpayers deserve the opportunity to hear whether the Administration plans to divert millions more to Foxconn after recovering \$86 million less than they had sought from the federal government for this project. We ask the committee to give them that opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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CHRIS TAYLOR
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