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Wisconsin State Senator

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Mayor John Antaramian
City of Kenosha
625 52nd Street, Room 300
Kenosha, WI 53140

Dear Mayor Antaramian,

As someone who represents the area, I read your letter to Governor Walker with great interest. Over the last several weeks, I have been in near constant contact with local officials about their needs to house Foxconn. Your letter to Governor Walker is literally the first comment I have received from the city of Kenosha about Foxconn, Special Session Assembly Bill 1, or the development.

Who you decide to contact in your lobbying efforts is, of course, your decision. As a former legislator, I know you know how the legislative process works. Just because your city “wants” changes, does not mean they are good or acceptable ideas. We have incorporated changes to the bill at the request of specific communities to provide as little disruption to local budgets and lifestyles as possible.

Specifically, addressing your “issues”, and contrary to your letter:

- We have expanded spending authority from TID financing.
- We have expanded amounts allowed to be reimbursed from TID.
- We exempted certain spending from the Expenditure Restraint Program.

It is disappointing that you have decided to turn your back on housing thousands of jobs in your city at the last minute, but that is your prerogative. The legislature and the rest of the region has had tremendous cooperation in attempting to land Foxconn. Your missive to Governor Walker, and the fact that, technically, I still have not heard directly from the city shows you chose to not participate in that cooperation.

I remain committed to economic development throughout Racine and Kenosha counties, regardless of the municipality. In the future, I encourage you to share that commitment.

Regards,

Van Wanggaard
State Senator
21st District

Cc: Governor Scott Walker

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