

Rep. Kitchens: Issues statement on Foxconn announcement

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Madison, Wisconsin- State Representative Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay) released the following statement regarding the announcement of a Foxconn campus in Wisconsin:

“I was excited to hear the news that the electronics giant Foxconn has committed to building their United States flagship campus here in Wisconsin. This deal will include a \$10 billion investment in the state with as many as 13,000 jobs. This is the largest business move in Wisconsin history and the positive effects will be felt not only in the southeast, but throughout the entire state.

“Over the past few years, we in the state legislature have made it our goal to make Wisconsin a more attractive place to work, live and start a business. Earlier this May, CEO Magazine ranked Wisconsin the 10th best state for business, breaking the top ten for the first time ever. This improved business climate, coupled with our renowned Midwestern work ethic and high quality of life, make Wisconsin a very desirable place for businesses to locate.

“This campus will provide our state with numerous benefits on several different levels. Arguably the most valuable outcome of this move will be the thousands of family-supporting jobs with an average salary of over \$53,000 that will go to hard-working Wisconsinites. Jobs in fields such as engineering will pair excellently with our state’s renewed focus on technical schooling, and the high-tech jobs that this campus will inevitably bring will enable us to keep talented, educated workers in our state. These jobs will also attract qualified individuals to come to our state and

make Wisconsin their new home. The economic impact generated by this influx of jobs, estimated at \$7 billion annually, will resonate beyond the region of the campus and throughout the state.

“I would like to thank Governor Walker and our congressional delegation for their leadership on this issue and look forward to working with my colleagues to bring more opportunities like this Foxconn investment to Wisconsin.”

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