

Sen. Taylor: Senate pushes Foxconn through, ignores environmental protections and deal's lack of access

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Madison, Wisconsin – Today, the Republican-controlled Wisconsin State Senate voted to approve the largest state corporate welfare package to a foreign company in U.S. history. The Taiwanese tech giant, Foxconn, received both special exemption and treatment from Wisconsin's environmental protections and legal system.

“This deal lacks transparency, accountability, and leaves the state open to be ripped off,” said Senator Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee). “It’s troubling that the deal lacks immediate workforce training or infrastructure dollars and transportation for the state’s unemployed residents to get to these alleged jobs.”

“Even more shameful is the rigged playing field against Wisconsin businesses in favor of a foreign company with a history of discriminatory hiring practices against women and the disabled, worker mistreatment, and a lack of diversity. It’s no wonder Walker and the GOP refused to bring Foxconn’s owner to the table so that we could discuss the terms of a contract and the company’s tainted history.

“It is unacceptable to exempt Foxconn from requirements that all other Wisconsinites and businesses abide by,” said Taylor. “It’s the GOP way – corporations and special interests before schools, roads, and our people.”