

Sen. Kapenga: Statement on Kimberly-Clark legislation

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Madison – Senator Chris Kapenga (R-Delafield) released the following statement regarding possible legislation that would mirror Foxconn level incentives for Kimberly-Clark:

“When the legislature approved the Foxconn deal, it provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our state to attract a cutting-edge industry. I felt it was in the best interest of the taxpayers, as the significant growth potential has the ability to fundamentally transform our state’s economy for decades to come.”

“The potential job losses are a result of United Steelworkers union bureaucrats failing to come to a better agreement with Kimberly Clark. It is not the role of government to put taxpayer dollars at risk in the middle of disputes between businesses and unions.”

“The Foxconn deal is not a template to provide extra benefits to any company who asks. This is a precedent that we should not set. Wisconsin has robust existing programs to promote economic development and job retention that Kimberly-Clark can attempt to utilize, just as any other company can. For these reasons, I would not support the proposed legislation.”

Senator Kapenga represents the 33rd Senate District, which covers all or parts of the following communities: Chenequa, Delafield, Dousman, Genesee, Hartland, Merton, Nashotah, North Prairie, Ottawa, Pewaukee, Oconomowoc Lake, Summit, Sussex and Waukesha.