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NEW August 18-20 POLL:

Voters Reject Foxconn, Rollbacks to Environmental Protections; Support Existing Mining Law
Capitol Briefing, 10 AM, Wednesday, August 23, 2017 – Assembly Parlor

River Alliance of Wisconsin commissioned polls of voters in 4 key State Senate districts (17th, 23rd, 24th, 29th) from August 18-20, 2017, to gauge public opinion on both Foxconn and other rollbacks of environmental legislation protections being considered by legislators. In each district:

- **50%-58% DISAPPROVE** of the Foxconn deal. Pluralities in all districts. Majorities in half.
- **Between 60%-69% DISAGREE** that “it is important for the state’s economy to exempt corporations from environmental rules and protections.”
- **71% or more SUPPORT** “keeping Wisconsin’s existing Prove It First sulfide mining law”

River Alliance of Wisconsin Executive Director Raj Shukla said, “Few are buying this lemon of a deal. Not after the extravagant press events. Not after a public hearing that Foxconn did not attend. Not after some Assembly leaders championed the economics of gutting environmental rules and protections.”

Shukla added, “These poll results tell a story that’s even bigger than the largest taxpayer subsidy of a corporation in American history; even bigger than the sweeping rollbacks of sulfide mining rules recently released by Senator Tiffany and Representative Hutton. Voters in Wisconsin do not believe corporate polluters, or the politicians that work for them when they say we need to eliminate environmental protections to help the Wisconsin economy. Voters want to keep the ‘Prove It First’ law that has protected us from mining pollution for decades. Voters take pride in our leadership on conservation. In fact, few but corporate lobbyists agree with those who would put our health in the hands of polluters.”

Public Policy Polling conducted automated telephone interviews with registered voters from August 18-20, 2017. The margin of error for the surveys range from +/- 3.55-3.88 %. **River Alliance of Wisconsin will hold a briefing on these polls, Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 10 AM in the State Assembly Parlor.**

About the River Alliance of Wisconsin:

Formed in 1993, River Alliance of Wisconsin is a statewide non-profit, non-partisan citizen advocacy organization that empowers people to protect and restore Wisconsin waters. The organization’s membership includes more than 2,500 individuals and businesses and more than 80 local watershed groups - one of the largest memberships of statewide water groups in the country. For more information, visit www.wisconsinrivers.org.



Wisconsin SD 17 Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Scott Walker is doing?

Approve 43%
Disapprove 52%
Not sure 5%

Q2 Wisconsin legislators have promised Foxconn, a Taiwanese electronics manufacturer, \$3 Billion in subsidies and exemption from various environmental protections to locate facilities in southeastern WI. Given what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the proposal offered to Foxconn to locate facilities in southeastern Wisconsin?

Approve 32%
Disapprove 58%
Not sure 10%

Q3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: it is important for the state's economy to exempt corporations from environmental rules and protections.

Agree 19%
Disagree 69%
Not sure 13%

Q4 The Wisconsin Legislature is also considering a repeal of the "Prove It First" sulfide mining law requiring that any mining companies who want to operate a sulfide mine in Wisconsin must demonstrate that they've successfully done so elsewhere, without polluting. Do you support or oppose keeping Wisconsin's existing Prove It First sulfide mining law?

Support 75%
Oppose 18%
Not sure 7%

Q5 If Senator Marklein favored corporate exemptions from environmental rules and protections, would that make you less likely or more likely to vote for him next time, or would it not make a difference?

Less likely 53%
More likely 18%
Wouldn't make a difference 23%
Not sure 6%

Q6 In the election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, Libertarian Gary Johnson, or someone else?

Donald Trump 48%
Hillary Clinton 39%
Gary Johnson 3%
Someone Else 10%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man 47%

Q8 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat 24%
Republican 34%
Independent 42%

Q9 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 92%
Other 8%

Q10 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45 30%
46 to 65 40%
Older than 65 30%





Wisconsin SD 23 Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Scott Walker is doing?

Approve 43%
Disapprove 51%
Not sure 7%

Q2 Wisconsin legislators have promised Foxconn, a Taiwanese electronics manufacturer, \$3 Billion in subsidies and exemption from various environmental protections to locate facilities in southeastern WI. Given what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the proposal offered to Foxconn to locate facilities in southeastern Wisconsin?

Approve 29%
Disapprove 59%
Not sure 12%

Q3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: it is important for the state's economy to exempt corporations from environmental rules and protections.

Agree 18%
Disagree 70%
Not sure 12%

Q4 The Wisconsin Legislature is also considering a repeal of the "Prove It First" sulfide mining law requiring that any mining companies who want to operate a sulfide mine in Wisconsin must demonstrate that they've successfully done so elsewhere, without polluting. Do you support or oppose keeping Wisconsin's existing Prove It First sulfide mining law?

Support 75%
Oppose 16%
Not sure 9%

Q5 If Senator Moulton favored corporate exemptions from environmental rules and protections, would that make you less likely or more likely to vote for him next time, or would it not make a difference?

Less likely 53%
More likely 18%
Wouldn't make a difference 23%
Not sure 6%

Q6 In the election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, Libertarian Gary Johnson, Green Party candidate Jill Stein, or someone else?

Donald Trump 42%
Hillary Clinton 46%
Gary Johnson 2%
Jill Stein 1%
Someone else 8%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 57%
Man 43%

Q8 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat 36%
Republican 29%
Independent 35%

Q9 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 93%
Other 7%



Q10 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i>	10%
<i>46 to 65</i>	33%
<i>Older than 65</i>	57%



Wisconsin SD 24 Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Scott Walker is doing?

Approve 47%
Disapprove 47%
Not sure 5%

Q2 Wisconsin legislators have promised Foxconn, a Taiwanese electronics manufacturer, \$3 Billion in subsidies and exemption from various environmental protections to locate facilities in southeastern WI. Given what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the proposal offered to Foxconn to locate facilities in southeastern Wisconsin?

Approve 35%
Disapprove 54%
Not sure 11%

Q3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: it is important for the state's economy to exempt corporations from environmental rules and protections.

Agree 22%
Disagree 67%
Not sure 11%

Q4 The Wisconsin Legislature is also considering a repeal of the "Prove It First" sulfide mining law requiring that any mining companies who want to operate a sulfide mine in Wisconsin must demonstrate that they've successfully done so elsewhere, without polluting. Do you support or oppose keeping Wisconsin's existing Prove It First sulfide mining law?

Support 76%
Oppose 16%
Not sure 8%

Q5 If Senator Testin favored corporate exemptions from environmental rules and protections, would that make you less likely or more likely to vote for him next time, or would it not make a difference?

Less likely 53%
More likely 17%
Wouldn't make a difference 22%
Not sure 8%

Q6 In the election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, Libertarian Gary Johnson, Green Party candidate Jill Stein, or someone else?

Donald Trump 48%
Hillary Clinton 39%
Gary Johnson 3%
Jill Stein 1%
Someone else 9%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man 47%

Q8 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat 32%
Republican 30%
Independent 38%

Q9 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 90%
Other 10%





Q10 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i>	26%
<i>46 to 65</i>	44%
<i>Older than 65</i>	30%





Wisconsin SD 29 Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Governor Scott Walker is doing?

Approve 53%
Disapprove 41%
Not sure 6%

Q2 Wisconsin legislators have promised Foxconn, a Taiwanese electronics manufacturer, \$3 Billion in subsidies and exemption from various environmental protections to locate facilities in southeastern WI. Given what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the proposal offered to Foxconn to locate facilities in southeastern Wisconsin?

Approve 42%
Disapprove 50%
Not sure 8%

Q3 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: it is important for the state's economy to exempt corporations from environmental rules and protections.

Agree 28%
Disagree 60%
Not sure 12%

Q4 The Wisconsin Legislature is also considering a repeal of the "Prove It First" sulfide mining law requiring that any mining companies who want to operate a sulfide mine in Wisconsin must demonstrate that they've successfully done so elsewhere, without polluting. Do you support or oppose keeping Wisconsin's existing Prove It First sulfide mining law?

Support 73%
Oppose 21%
Not sure 6%

Q5 If Senator Petrowski favored corporate exemptions from environmental rules and protections, would that make you less likely or more likely to vote for him next time, or would it not make a difference?

Less likely 48%
More likely 19%
Wouldn't make a difference 26%
Not sure 7%

Q6 In the election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Hillary Clinton, Libertarian Gary Johnson, or someone else?

Donald Trump 53%
Hillary Clinton 35%
Gary Johnson 3%
Someone Else 9%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man 47%

Q8 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat 31%
Republican 31%
Independent 38%

Q9 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

White 94%
Other 6%

Q10 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45 29%
46 to 65 40%
Older than 65 31%

