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Walker Makes Clean Drinking Water an Afterthought *State of State Address Again Ignores Reality*

MADISON –Despite thousands of Wisconsinites living with undrinkable water and the water of hundreds of thousands of others threatened, Gov. Scott Walker’s State of the State Address barely mentioned that or any conservation issue. His avoidance of these issues spoke volumes about his administration’s prioritization of his special interest cronies over the health of Wisconsin families.

Walker’s insistence on touting his Foxconn giveaway – a \$4.5 billion crapshoot played with taxpayer dollars – as his defining achievement is further proof that his priority is appeasing foreign interests at the expense of Wisconsinites and their environment.

Executive Director Kerry Schumann said this about Gov. Walker’s speech:

“Families in Wisconsin are suffering. While Gov. Walker plays politics on behalf of his wealthy outside donors, the realities of manure pollution, lead poisoning, industrial acid mining, and increasing threats to public lands, wildlife, wetlands, and the Great Lakes are mounting. His failed policies and his brutal attack on our once sterling Department of Natural Resources are destroying the Wisconsin we love, and doing direct damage to the people who helped elect him. His silence on these issues proves how disconnected he and his administration are from reality – and from Wisconsin families who deserve clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and a state with natural resources they can enjoy.”

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