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Walker Turns Blind Eye to Human Rights Violations

(MADISON) – Yesterday, in the New York Times, a report regarding troubling working conditions faced by Foxconn employees, is the most recent information published by Chinese Labor Watch. The report describes conditions at Foxconn's factory, located in Hengyang China, where workers get no sick leave or holiday pay, and can be laid off at a moment's notice without a wage.

Governor Scott Walker has pledged over \$4.5 billion of taxpayer money to the Taiwanese company while cutting back on several environmental regulations to accommodate for them. However, despite how often the Governor talks about the so-called deal, he's remained consistently quiet when it comes to addressing the long history of allegations of poor worker conditions leveled at Foxconn.

Foxconn has been investigated and heavily scrutinized for a number of ethical problems including an explosion in one factory that killed four and left eighteen injured, hiring illegal and underage workers, one of which was 14, an outburst of employee suicides, and numerous other humanitarian violations.

In response to the article Senator Lena Taylor (D-Milwaukee) issued the following statement:

"The means don't justify the ends. Whether it's dipping into a much needed transportation budget, cutting back on important environmental regulations, or flat out ignoring a long list of human right's violations, Gov. Walker has proven he's willing to do whatever it takes to make sure this questionable project becomes a reality."

"Instead of focusing on re-election talking points, wealthy donors, and aligning himself with ill-thought practices in a botched version of the "Art of the Deal", we need real answers about Foxconn and they way they do business."