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This Halloween, Howard Marklein is Megaproject Man

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SPRING GREEN – In a TV ad, Republican Senator Howard Marklein claimed that he “refused to allow more megaprojects in the southeast” come “at the expense of our communities,” despite repeatedly voting for hundreds of millions of dollars in megaproject funding.

“Howard Marklein seems to have no qualms dressing up his actions in Madison,” said Jenni Dye, executive director of the SSDC. “If Senator Marklein won’t own up to his record, how can we expect him to stand up for our communities?”

As a member of the budget-writing committee, Sen. Marklein voted for more than \$768.2 million in funding for southeast Wisconsin megaprojects. Additionally, during his tenure in the legislature, total funding for highway improvement funding and local road funding declined by 24 and 13 percent respectively, according to the Department of Transportation.

Howard Marklein voted again to fund megaprojects in the \$4.5 billion Foxconn legislation. The bill authorized an additional \$252.4 million in bonding for the delayed, incomplete I-94 North-South corridor.

“Sen. Marklein seems to have forgotten which region of our state he supposedly represents,” continued Dye. “In the legislature, Sen. Marklein has sent billions to southeast Wisconsin and billions to a foreign corporation - anywhere but his own district it seems. As a farmer and business owner, Kriss Marion knows that safe roads and bridges are crucial to the success of communities in southwest Wisconsin. Rather than diverting our tax dollars to build new Foxconn highways, she’ll fight to make sure local projects get the funding they need.

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