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CHANGING THE WISCONSIN STATE AGRICULTURAL SITING LAWS

THE PROBLEM:

WISCONSIN STATUTE, SECTION 93.90 AND ATCP 51 WIS. ADMINISTRATIVE RULE.

TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF ALL CITIZENS OF OUR STATE, THE ABOVE STATUTE AND RULE MUST BE CHANGED TO REFLECT NOT ONLY HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS OF ALL CITIZENS BUT WELFARE OF CITIZENS AS WELL.

AT PRESENT, THE ABOVE LAWS AND RULES REGARDING THE SITING OF LARGE SCALE AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS REMOVE LOCAL CONTROL (TOWNSHIP, VILLIAGE, CITY, COUNTY) OF SITING ISSUES. UNLESS OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR CITIZENS CAN PROVE HEALTH OR SAFETY CONCERNS, THEY HAVE NO SAY IN THE MATTER OF SITING. THE WELFARE OF OUR COMMON CITIZENS IS NOT ALOUD TO BE CONSIDERED, EVEN AS IT PERTAINS TO OUR FUTURE AIR & WATER QUALITY, AND PROPERTY VALUES.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CONSERVATION CONGRESS AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN CRAWFORD COUNTY ON APRIL 14, 2008 RECOMMENDSTHAT THE CONSERVATION CONGRESS WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO TAKE ACTION TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION BY TAKING ACTION TO ALLOW FOR HEIGHTENED LOCAL CONTROL OF THE SITING OF LARGE SCALE AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS ACROSS THE STATE, AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEED FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE COURSE IS PROTECTED AND ENCOURAGED BY LAWS OF THE STATE.

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