The Wisconsin Conservation Congress Shall Take An Official Position On A Green New Deal

Whereas sustainable land, water, and air management are requirements for the health of humans and our ecosystem and is necessary for our long term survival, yet restoration and management isn’t a profitable venture for the private sector; Whereas the way our society manages the production and distribution of resources, its economy, is important to the quality and abundance of our natural resources for general use as well as heritage sports; Whereas Wisconsin has made bad investments in private-public partnerships like Foxconn which mismanaged the land and proved economic boondoggles. They failed in job creation and economic stimulation. Taxpayers could save money in cutting out the middleman for job creation. Whereas environmental impact is usually an externality which private companies do not pay for. These externalities by industry have led to invasive species and environmental degradation of natural resources. Another externality may be the true cost of labor through low wages and poor benefits. Taxpayers subsidize private profits through State assistance for workers; Whereas, President Roosevelt’s New Deal program during the Great Depression got Americans back to work, stimulated and grew the economy, restored the Dust Bowl, and improved the nation’s infrastructure; Be it resolved that the WCC at its 2021 Convention adopt an official position in favor of a Green New Deal which includes the promotion of employment programs by Wisconsin and its DNR to stimulate the economy through living wages for unemployed and underemployed Wisconsinites; to restore Wisconsin’s natural resources; to improve our energy and agricultural methods for a more ecologically sustainable future; and to upgrade our infrastructure with ecological sustainability at the forefront of decision making.

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