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**RESOLUTION #**

**Resolution to .... Request the State of Wisconsin to Revise its Policy of Foreign Ownership of Farmland.**

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-Extension Education (CUW) Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

**WHEREAS**, foreign ownership of Wisconsin Farmland is accelerating making it further difficult for family farmers and is jeopardizing our food security; and,

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), as of December 31, 2020, foreign agricultural entities in Wisconsin own over 500,000 acres of land in the state, with that number having risen by over 25,000 acres from 2019 to 2020 alone; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin law currently allows for ownership of up to 640 acres of agricultural or forestry land per foreign company or foreign individual; and,

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic illustrated the need to localize supply chains, especially for food and medicine, and to keep them out of the hands of adversarial governments and those entities associated therewith; and,

**WHEREAS**, it would be prudent to limit the exposure of such critical supply chains to governments and associated entities who routinely abuse human rights, violate international trade law and labor standards, and seek to upend fair markets through state owned enterprises, monopolization or means that otherwise threaten food security and the Wisconsin family farming tradition; and,

**WHEREAS**, it would be to the benefit of the citizens of Oneida County, the State of Wisconsin and the United States to have local farmland be held by United States citizens, permanent residents of the United States, and companies incorporated in the United States that aren't controlled by foreign entities,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors does respectfully request that the State of Wisconsin, in the next legislative biennium, review and revise its policy on foreign ownership of agricultural or forestry land; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all members of the State Legislature, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

**Approved by the Conservation and UW-Extension Education Committee this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023**

Vote Required: Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_

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The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_, Date:

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Approved for presentation to the County Board by the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Consent Agenda Item:  YES  NO

Offered and passage moved by:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Ayes

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\_\_\_\_\_ Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_ Defeated

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Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

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Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair