## Citizen Resolution # \_132521

(For Hearing Officer completion)

## **Creating Wisconsin Conservation Congress Representation by Population**



Whereas the Wisconsin Conservation Congress prizes the democratic value of citizen input and usually holds annual elections of delegates to represent the interests of the citizens

Whereas the statewide convention of delegates is structured like a senate, where each county, no matter the population, is allowed five delegates

Whereas the District Leadership Council consists of districts constructed by geography, which has weighted some of the most populous counties lesser than districts with fewer people

Whereas the advisory committees are also constructed based on these districts that are unrepresentative by population

Whereas the most populous district was removed as a penalty against the serving delegates and grouped in with some of the other most populous counties of Wisconsin giving even less representative power to the individual citizen of Wisconsin

Whereas there is no democratic structure in the WCC akin to a House of Representatives, Assembly, or a "house of commons." This means that the WCC and its representation is based more on the wealth required in land ownership than it is on the voices of all Wisconsinites who share the resources.

Be it resolved that the Wisconsin Conservation Congress work to provide more opportunity for representation by population to create a representative balance on the District Leadership Council and on advisory committees. The Wisconsin Conservation Congress will therefore allow counties of over 200,000 citizens to form districts which elect district leadership and advisory committee representation.

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Please print typed resolution on 8 ½ X 11 white paper (one-sided) and provide the WCC County Chair with TWO COPIES at the spring hearing. Only the individual author or designated representative may present the resolution. The author or designated representative must be present at the time the resolution is introduced. No more than two resolutions may be introduced by any person during the Congress portion of the spring hearings.

Contact one of your local WCC delegates with questions or for assistance with writing your resolution.