From:	Jon Ciatti
To:	DNR Racine Diversion Comments
Subject:	Diversion Project
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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Jonathan Ciatti. I am a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources. I also currently work as an industrial controls engineer and have actively worked on many industrial startups. My diverse background has given me insight into many manufacturing startups from both a manufacturing side as well as a natural resource utilization viewpoint.

I am concerned that the proposed numbers of water loss may be low, as many early construction estimates are, and I am saddened to hear a foreign company wishes to utilize one of our most valuable current and future resources for their profit in manufacturing without a verifiable plan to return the said resource.

I wish to have my comment on record that I strongly oppose the diversion of any Great Lakes water outside of the natural watershed, and stand by the Great Lakes Governors' Great Lakes Compact. In this comment, I am specifically speaking to the diversion of water from Lake Michigan drainage basin to the proposed Foxconn manufacturing plant.

As precedence, the City of Waukesha has applied to remove water from the basin and has agreed to return the volume in treated water to the Root River Basin. While this is not ideal, it does help to ensure the majority of the water volume will stay in the basin as opposed to the proposal from the Foxconn plant, which estimated that around 40% would be used and not returned as volumetric flow.

It is clear that water resources will be a key factor going forward for both business development and living conditions in the state. Both are necessary for a healthy economy and population. Clean, fresh water should be regarded as one of the State fo Wisconsin's most valuable assets, and any effort to remove the water from it's natural basin should be met with due process and the States affected should be compensated fairly for this renewable yet spoilable resource.

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

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