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To whom it may concern,

The City of Racine's application to divert water from Lake Michigan to Mount Pleasant should be **declined** because it violates the Great Lakes Compact, sets a dangerous precedent and prioritizes the profits of private enterprise over the well-being of the public.

Major Concerns:

Violation of the Great Lakes compact:

- The purpose of the compact is to ban the diversion of water from the basin.
- The City of Racine's request to divert 7 million gallons a day is not consistent with the conservation and protection of the Great Lakes.

A Dangerous precedent:

- According to Racine 39% of the water diverted will be lost due to evaporation from Foxconn's cooling towers. It is unsustainable to start letting cities on the behalf of private enterprise to drain water from the Great Lakes. If Racine is approved this may set a precedent to allow other cites to drain lakes for private interests.
- Foxconn has already been able to skirt around a multitude of environmental regulation. The DNR should put it's foot down and protect our planets precious resources.
- The DNR has an obligation to protect natural resources, not give exemptions in the name of supposed economic development.

Profits of private enterprise are being prioritized over the well-being of the public:

- The diversion of water from Lake Michigan will be benefiting the private corporation, Foxconn, not the general public in the City of Racine.
- The environmental impact of this magnitude of water diversion are still unknown as an impact statement has not been completed.

Additional Comments:

The economic benefits of providing Racine this water diversion are not going to be as great as the media has made it out to be.

- The jobs that Foxconn will be providing require skills that disqualify many unemployed Wisconsinites.
- It is going to be nearly impossible to employ 13,000 Wisconsin workers to Foxconn. The company will likely bring in many Taiwanese and out-of-state workers.
- The lack of environmental regulation on Foxconn will disproportionately effect low-income and minority groups, as they always do.

In the interest of natural resources and the well being of the public, The DNR should reject the application by the City of Racine to divert water from Lake Michigan.

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