From: Lynn Preston
To: DNR Racine Diversion Comments
Subject: Water for Foxconn
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Dear DNR,

Over 40 million people rely on the Great Lakes for drinking water, and only 1% of that lake water is renewed by rain and snow melt. The Great Lakes Compact was enacted to protect this water for current and future generations. Wisconsin signed on to this international agreement governing consumptive use and water diversions from the Great Lakes. Now Racine is asking to divert water, not for public consumption as required by the Great Lakes Compact, but rather to a private, foreign corporation.

My understanding is that the facility will not be located in the Great Lakes Basin, but is in the “straddling” community of Mount Pleasant. The proposal says that nearly 40% of the 7 million gallons would be lost to the manufacturing process, and not returned to the lake. Even worse, the proposal doesn't say how the water will be used, treated, or managed, or whether Foxconn will be exempt from certain permitting requirements.

I'm against rolling back environmental safe guards and protections. I am against this proposal.

Sincerely,
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