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Subject:	I oppose the City of Racine"s request to divert more water from Lake Michigan
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Hello,

I would like to urge the Wisconsin DNR to deny the City of Racine's application as it stands to divert 7 million gallons of Water from Lake Michigan to essentially be used for the proposed Foxconn facility.

This application is not only highly concerning because of its impact to the drinking water source for millions of people, but also because it violates the protections being set out by the Great Lakes Compact.

Allowing this application to move forward as it stands sets a dangerous precedent that industry can utilize and pollute drinking water sources shared by multiple states and provinces without the ability of those areas to weigh in and oppose those actions. The application also does not meet the following requirements set out in the DNR review fact sheet:

1) The diverted water will be used solely for public water supply purposes
The water delivered to Mount Pleasant will not be diverted for public consumption, as required by the Great Lakes Compact, but rather to a private, foreign corporation.

2) The city of Racine will return to Lake Michigan an amount of water equal to the amount of water withdrawn, less an amount for consumptive use.
The Foxconn proposal says that nearly 40% of the 7 million gallons would be lost to the manufacturing process, and not returned to the lake. When does consumptive use, not related to public use, become so great that it has a cumulative negative impact on the Great Lakes? What happens when we have 20-30 Foxconn's around the Great Lakes failing to return water at such high levels? This is precedent setting and concerning.

3) Review by the Great Lakes states and provinces is not required for this application
The City of Racine has the capacity to provide water to Foxconn without requesting larger withdrawal amounts, but it cannot provide the water without permission for a diversion since Mount Pleasant is outside the Basin. Given the twisting of the application process, review by the Regional Body should be triggered.

Additionally there are no specifications about how the water will be used, how it will be treated, how it will be managed, and whether or not Foxconn will be exempt from certain permitting requirements. The quality and quantity of our Great Lakes water should not be left up to the good will of companies to do the right thing.

I urge you to critically review this application and see that it does not meet requirements as it stands, and that review by the Great Lakes Compact Regional Body should occur.

Thank you for your work on protecting water resources for those across the Great Lakes region.

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