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I'm Eric Hansen, an outdoor writer. I've authored numerous op-eds advocating safeguards for Great Lakes water protection in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Chicago Tribune and other media. Some of that advocacy writing went on to win national awards from the Outdoor Writer's Association of America, Trout Unlimited, The National Wildlife Federation and The Wilderness Society.

Those op-eds objected to ill-advised projects involving metallic sulfide mining, crude oil pipelines and most recently proposals to ship crude oil and ethanol from the Port of Milwaukee - over the Great Lakes - to Quebec.

The Racine Diversion is a credible nominee for "worst ever" proposal. It risks squandering a fortune in freshwater, as well as Wisconsin's credibility with our Great Lakes neighbors - both states and provinces.

It violates both the spirit and the letter of the Great Lakes Compact. It is privatization of Great Lakes Water - on a rushed timeline that guarantees the public will not have time to learn, let alone digest the implications.

There is a notable lack of transparency in this proposal. Huge amounts of Lake Michigan water would be used in an industrial process. Some of that water would be returned to the lake - but there is no credible description of the industrial chemicals and metals that water would be exposed to before its return.

I urge you to reject this rushed proposal - to stand up for the public's fundamental right to information.

Stand up for clean water, and the clean government processes that protect clean water.

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