From:	Angela Steinkamp
To:	DNR Racine Diversion Comments
Subject:	Opposed to Application"s Approval
Date:	Tuesday, March 20, 2018 1:43:32 PM

I am opposed to the DNR approving Racine's application to divert water to the proposed Foxconn facility.

I'm neither an economist or environmental scientist, so my voice is only that of a Milwaukee transplant that has fallen in love with Lake Michigan and wants to see it's beauty and resourcefulness maintained.

Whatever positive economic impact Foxconn's facility can bring to Wisconsin, is not necessitated by the location of the facility. Foxconn could likely be successful anywhere in the state or country. The proposed location of the facility is only a benefit to Foxconn because of readily available water.

The unknowns surrounding the condition of the water being returned to the Lake causes a lot of concern. I don't know enough about Foxconn to blindly trust they will do what someone who lives and depends on the lake would do. I don't know enough about Foxconn to completely write them off as environmental villains either. But incomplete information regarding what chemicals and by-products might be left in the returning water does not bode well for their villain status. I am of the opinion that this information is obtained before any further decisions are made.

The fact that Foxconn is a private company and is requesting water for private uses when the Great Lakes Compact states the majority of the water diverted to a straddling community needs to be used for public use also causes a lot of concern. The benefit to Foxconn is this water when the monetary benefit from selling the water is only to Racine county (I assume) while the detriment of potentially harmful water being returned to the lake is felt by so many more of us outside Racine.

The precedents being set by the approval of this application are also harmful. It is so much harder to clean the lake of contaminants than to keep them out of the lake in the first place. And it is more costly to bring back water lost to outside the lake basin than it is to keep it in the basin to begin with.

Thank you for reading my thoughts and for taking them into consideration.

Angela Steinkamp
3639 S 5th Place
Milwaukee, WI 53207
angelasteinkamp@gmail.com
210-275-1761