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RE: Lake Michigan water withdrawal permit, City of Racine, on behalf of Village of Mount Pleasant on behalf of Foxconn

I ask that you deny the permit submitted by the City of Racine related to the diversion of Lake Michigan waters for use by Foxconn.

Wisconsin is exemplary among states in legally defining navigable waters as a public trust. In addition, the Great Lakes Compact stipulates that water diverted from the Great Lakes *must* be for the benefit of the public. The proposed diversion is obviously in violation of this public trust and Compact:

Section 4.9. Exceptions to the Prohibition of Diversions.
``1. Straddling Communities. A Proposal to transfer Water to an area within a Straddling Community but outside the Basin or outside the source Great Lake Watershed shall be excepted from the prohibition against Diversions and be managed and regulated by the Originating Party provided that, regardless of the volume of Water transferred, all the water so transferred shall be used solely for Public Water Supply Purposes within the Straddling Community,…

I listened with admiration to the live-feed testimony of my fellow citizens of the great state of Wisconsin who attended the DNR hearing in Sturtevant on March 7. Many had traveled great distances across the state to have their views heard. *Overwhelmingly they did not want this permit to be approved.* Their testimony pointed out how this proposal is in direct violation of the Great Lakes Compact, because the water diverted would be for the benefit of a private company and not for public use.

In no way will this diversion be used as a "Public Water Supply." On this legal basis alone, this permit should be denied.

In addition, Foxconn has an atrocious record of human and environmental abuses . Given that history is prelude, allowing this permit will most likely diminish and impoverish the water resources available to our children in violation of our state's public trust.

Therefore, please ensure that the laws of Wisconsin are applied fairly and with equity, and that wealth and empty promises do not subvert them as you reach a decision. Please deny this permit.

Respectfully submitted,
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