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To:	DNR Racine Diversion Comments
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Since I have lived close to Lake Michigan most of my life, I can attest to the importance of protecting its waters, and that of the adjacent Great Lakes. It is now understood that available drinking water will be the number one world-wide consideration for survival.

I believe that the application that has been submitted by the City of Racine on behalf of Mount Pleasant should be denied for the following reasons:

- It is in violation of the Great Lakes Compact, which states that any diversion must be primarily for PUBLIC water supply purposes. Foxconn's use of 5.8 million gallons, as well as the additional 1.2 million gallons which are to be used for "other companies that may come to the area" (Racine Journal Times, 3-8-18) does not constitute public water supply purposes, but rather, industrial purposes. Even a Fact Sheet by the City of Racine states "Foxconn will be treated the same as any other industrial wastewater user". Industrial is not public. Allowing diversion for a private company threatens the entire Great Lakes Region.

- Foxconn's reputation regarding environmental safeguards is known to be questionable. While it has stated that it will comply "with all appropriate rules and regulations that apply to our operations", environmental groups have stated that the diversion application lacks specific conservation and efficiency measures that are required by the Great Lakes Compact.

- I am concerned as to how environmental measures will be monitored and enforced. This involves more than the Racine Water Utility. It also involves the DNR. When my husband raised this question, he was told that SEWRPC would be handling that aspect. They have no ability to enforce environmental rules. I am aware that the DNR has eliminated many staff positions, which would make it nearly impossible to follow up on both monitoring and enforcement.

Please consider these points while coming to your decision. What you decide will not only impact Racine, but you, your children, and future generations as well.

Sincerely,

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