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Foxconn knows what the United Nation knows. That Lake Michigan is a great source of water that will keep their company going in the times of scarce water that is happening now in this country and around the world. In 12 short years, the United Nations has said that half of the world will be facing water scarcity. Today, in the United States, there are cities and rural areas that have no access to clean water. It has to be trucked in.

It is irresponsible for Racine to allow an industry to bypass the rules to receive Lake Michigan water. Other companies will follow. More protections are needed for the Great Lakes, not less. There is only a limited supply of fresh water in the world. Cape Town, South Africa will run out of fresh water next month. Flint, Michigan still doesn't have safe water to drink.

Industries bring heavy water use. Most of the water will become tainted. Much of it will not be returned to Lake Michigan. It will be consumed in the production process. The same amount of water taken out needs to be returned - and just as clean, if not cleaner than it arrived. Foxconn is looking to make as much profit as possible, and let the citizens of Wisconsin pay with increased financial, health and environmental costs.

Governments are supposed to protect the well being of its citizens who are, quite literally, footing the bill.

Fresh water IS life. Yes, products can be made and sold with it. But our bodies are made up of what comes out of our faucets and what is in our food. We cannot live without fresh, untainted water.

If Mr. Hou cared about Wisconsin, he would be advocating for MORE regulations, not just for his company, but for any company. If he is serious about Foxconn's future in Wisconsin, he would be serious about the health of Lake Michigan.

Corporations don't care. But governments are staffed by individuals that have family members that live and work in Wisconsin. Someone needs to look out for the people that the government was created to serve. The actual people - the friends and family whose lives depend upon a clean and continuing source of affordable water, need someone to step up for them.

Bypassing rules that were meant to protect the waters of Lake Michigan for future generations should not be allowed. More needs to be done to protect the integrity of the water cycle so that it will always pay dividends for the people that live here, and the companies that respect the water and the people.

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