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I am concerned about proposals to divert a large amount of Lake Michigan water to the Foxconn plant — with a significant proportion not being returned to the lake. I urge the DNR to handle the Foxconn project according to the spirit and intent of the Great Lakes Compact.

Fresh water is a precious and limited resource that we should be safeguarding and using wisely.

There is unclarity about whether the water supplied to the Foxconn plant will be a diversion or additional capacity. The plant will be within the community of Mount Pleasant -- a “straddling” community -- even though the water will be supplied by Racine. There should be a review by the Regional Body to make sure the plans fit the spirit and intent of the Great Lakes Compact.

In addition, the water delivered to Mount Pleasant will not be for public consumption, as required by the Great Lakes Compact, but rather to a private, foreign corporation.

I am also concerned about setting a precedent with this project if a private corporation is allowed to use millions of gallons of Great Lake water and not return nearly 40% of the water. I don’t think such private use complies with the spirit of the Great Lake Compact that allows consumptive use for the public.

Lastly, before permission is given for this water supply plan, there should be more information about how the water will be used, treated and managed. There is a potential for significant water pollution (in the Great Lakes and groundwater) from this kind of manufacturing plant and more should be known before granting the permit.

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