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To:	DNR Racine Diversion Comments
Subject:	Foxconn - Mt Pleasant - Great Lakes diversion public comment
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Dear Adam Freihoefer,

I am a Wisconsin citizen writing (prior to the March 21, 2018 deadline for public comment) to object to the diversion request being considered by WDNR for the proposed Foxconn development with Great Lakes basin water resources.

WDNR reiterates on your webpage the criteria for approval of a diversion to the straddling community of Mt Pleasant. It begins with a requirement that the water diverted will be used for Public Water Supply purposes.

The application should fail on this ground alone. One giant private (foreign) private developer is NOT a public water supply purpose. I observe, but strenuously object to, a recent slide by public agencies toward a notion that private inurement is somehow public purpose. It is not.

The language and the intent of the Great Lakes Compact is clear: commercial use does NOT fall within public water supply use.

In addition, the application indicates that nearly 40% of the 7 million gallons daily would be lost to consumptive use (in the Mississippi basin). Although a staggering amount, it is also worrying that the amount is not well explained and could amount to much more. There is also no clarity that the portion returned could be properly treated given that significant increase in capacity required of the treatment facility.

I care so much because my private firm's work is ecological restoration. Wetlands, like mountains, cannot effectively be relocated. Wetlands are an important public asset with many public benefits, including protecting water quality. I am distraught by the continuing degradation and loss of wetlands to filling for inappropriately sited private commercial development - trading essentially irreplaceable important public assets for private inurement.

Please do not, in any way, support an idea that Great Lakes diversion for private commercial development is any kind of a public water supply purpose. It is not.

Please protect our public assets.

thank you,
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