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To:	DNR Racine Diversion Comments
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I believe the City of Racine's request to divert 7 million gallons of water from Lake Michigan should be denied. While I don't think we should ever take large or excess quantities of water from our lakes, a key tenant of the Great Lakes Compact is to protect Great Lakes Water for the public.

The water is not being requested to meet a residential/public consumption shortage as required by the Great Lakes Compact; it is being requested for private (and foreign) industrial use.

FoxConn is located in Mount Pleasant, which is not in the Great Lakes Basin. Even if Mount Pleasant was in the Great Lakes Basin, cities within the Basin are only able to apply for additional capacity, not diversions.

My above points, make this point mute, but FoxConn has indicated that nearly 40% of the 7 million gallons would be lost to the manufacturing process, not returned to the lake. The Compact states water taken must be returned (less consumptive use).

There are places in the world that are running out of water; water is life. We should be treating our water as a precious resource and look for ways to conserve it; not waste it. Over 40 million people rely on the Great Lakes for drinking water; only 1% of that lake water is renewed by rain and snow melt. The Compact was enacted to protect this water for current and future generations.

Please do the right thing and deny this request.

Sincerely
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