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To:	DNR Racine Diversion Comments
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge the DNR to handle the application by the City of Racine for the Foxconn Diversion Project according to the spirit and intent of the Great Lakes Compact. I am asking the Department of Natural Resources to **deny** the application as it stands and protect our water for future generations. As an alumna of UW-Stevens Point, a premier university in the study of natural resources, I have long believed that our resources must be protected for the future.

The application by the City of Racine, under the spirit and intent of the Great Lakes Compact, are able to apply for additional capacity, not diversions. Mount Pleasant is NOT in the Great Lakes Basin and this should be noted by the DNR as it considers the application. Second, the water delivered to Mount Pleasant will not be diverted for public consumption, as required by the Great Lakes Compact, but rather to a private, foreign corporation. A key tenant of the Great Lakes Compact is to protect Great Lakes Water for the public. Third, a key tenant of the Great Lakes Compact is that water taken must be returned, less consumptive use. Foxconn's proposal is to lose 40% for consumptive use. This amount, not related to public use, is so great that it will have a cumulative negative impact on the Great Lakes. Finally, there is no specificity about how the water will be used, treated, or managed, or whether Foxconn will be exempt from certain permitting requirements. Over 40 million people rely on the Great Lakes for drinking water, and only 1% of that lake water is renewed by rain and snow melt. The Great Lakes Compact was enacted to protect this water for current and future generations. The Wisconsin DNR needs to protect this resource.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this important issue. Please do not be short sighted and look only at money but look also at the importance of one of our greatest resources here in Wisconsin - Lake Michigan.

Respectfully,

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