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To:	DNR Racine Diversion Comments
Subject:	We are Opposed: Proposed FoxConn water usage
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Dear Adam Freihoefer:

We write to you today to express our extreme concern over the BAD FoxConn water usage deal being proposed. We do NOT support the DNR approval of the FoxConn water usage request. One doesn't have to look far to find stories where Foxconn has struggled with pollution problems around the world. I would expect them to do no different here in our home state of Wisconsin.

Great Lakes Compact
Milwaukee and multiple other communities benefit greatly from our geographical location right next to 20 percent of the earth's fresh water. In order to protect that resource, and the millions of people who rely on it, the Great Lakes states entered into a compact to prohibit the diversion of water outside of the Great Lakes Basin — with exceptions for drinking water for communities that had no other option.

Waukesha as Exception to the Great Lakes Compact
An exception has already been utilized to provide drinking water to the residents of Waukesha in 2016. This exception held plenty of controversy and demonstrates the importance of keeping the Great Lakes Compact intact. Now, politicians in Wisconsin seek another exception. And this time, the reason is NOT for drinking water, but for commercial and industrial use via a public use paper trail.

On FoxConn's proposed usage:
1 Foxconn's 7 million gallons a day would put it as the largest water purchase in Milwaukee, ahead of every city, town, and village in the area.
2 The only other private business in the top 10 water users is Miller Brewing Company. Miller uses nearly 75% less per day than what Foxconn is requesting, even though Miller's products are literally made of water.
3 If you compare just the 2.7 million gallons that would not be replenished to this list, it would put Foxconn as the 5th-largest user in greater Milwaukee. (Data researched by From the Squeakycurd.com)

Jobs will come at an unimaginable expense to the collective health to people, plants and animals of current and future generations as the rare treasure that is Lake Michigan is polluted and exploited for presumed short-term economic gains. The jobs that are being provided will be of limited short-term value no matter how spectacular they initially appear to be. The most plentiful jobs will not be a long-term solution to provide for families and communities that lead to future sustainability. We do not trust or believe that the processed and treated water that gets returned to Lake Michigan will be suitable and safe water AT ALL.

Allowing Foxconn this water usage would set a horrible example and precedent in Wisconsin and the other surrounding Great Lakes States that would lead to other such decisions as more corporations salivate at the prospect of making economic gains using the precious fresh

water from Lake Michigan.

It is crucial to strictly follow the requirements and more importantly the SPIRIT of the compact when allowing such exceptions from the general prohibition on diversions. Less than 1% of Lake Michigan's volume is replenished each year by rain. Please help guard the precious resource of fresh water and let's not turn Lake Michigan into a polluted mud puddle.

For these reasons, we do NOT support the DNR approval of the FoxConn water usage request.

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