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The Great Lakes will be worth so much more in the future once many parts of the world have **RUN OUT** of water than to bid it off to the highest bidder today.

This deal is **an embarrassing step backwards for the State and the future of Wisconsin**. How can we allow our greatest resource to be depleted by a corporation?!

Who's going to stop the next corporation who wants to use 7 MILLION GALLONS OF DRINKING WATER PER DAY FROM THE GREAT LAKES WATER SYSTEM???

Set the precedence – do the right thing and don't allow it.

ONLY 1% OF GREAT LAKES WATER IS ACUTALLY RENEWABLE EVERY YEAR BY RAIN AND SNOWMELT. The remaining 99% represents meltwater from the last ice age https://www.coursehero.com/file/p223kv8/Only-1-of-the-waters-of-the-Great-Lakes-are-renewed-each-year-by-snow-melt-and/

Usable fresh surface water is relatively scarce Freshwater represents only about three percent of all water on Earth and freshwater lakes and swamps account for a mere 0.29 percent of the Earth's freshwater. The Great Lakes hold 20% of the worlds fresh water.
https://water.usgs.gov/edu/watercyclefreshstorage.html

We are ALL TOO CLOSE TO NOT HAVING ENOUGH CLEAN WATER TO DRINK – this future is already here for many communities around the world.

I visited the Sequoia National Park in February and traveled through the California Valley **AND I WITNESSED what Water Diversion looks like**. People from the area spoke about how the water diversion from the Mountains for farmers in the valley have left **whole towns without water** like Porterville, California and many other droughts and problems. Driving through and seeing rain collection barrels while listening to a story by the BBC, *Cape Town drought declared a 'national disaster'* http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-43047833 makes me extremely frightened by a decision to allow any company to take 7 million gallons of fresh water a day from Lake Michigan. This is our biggest resource in Wisconsin and it should be treated that way. Visit California first, visit Cape Town then come back and make your decision.

I beg for you to not allow this – we need to protect our natural resources and Lake Michigan is the only greatest natural resource Wisconsin has – it will pay off in the future. Invest in the future.

APPROVING 7 million gallons of water from Lake Michigan to be diverted for Foxconn ***IS THE GREATEST MISTAKE FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR STATE AND ITS NATURAL RESOURCES.***

If this is allowed what will stop the next corporation from doing the same?!

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