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Dear Mr. Freihoefer,

Pursuant to the accords of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources must deny Racine's application to divert Lake Michigan water as it relates to FoxConn. The waters of the basin are a precious and non-renewable public natural resource that needs to be protected. Once it has been depleted or polluted, there's no going back. At some point, someone has to do what's right. That time is now! All biological life is dependent upon clean and plentiful water. Governor Scott Walker is abhorrently derelict in his duty to protect the people, land and water of Wisconsin by inviting a foreign corporation through tax incentives to "legally" deplete and pollute our water. As you know, these careless practices ultimately affect all connecting waterways, including aquifers, and leaches into the soil. Neither Racine, FoxConn, nor the Wisconsin DNR performed any environmental impact studies. WHY?! This should have been done prior to any public hearing! Neither has FoxConn disclosed where they intend to "dispose" of the toxic nanoparticle by-product in the affluent from the LCD manufacturing process. I urge you to do a quick search on FoxConn's record as a good steward of the environment at their other facilities. During the March 7 hearing, the question was asked whether the Racine Water Treatment Facility has the ability to measure nanoparticles – **they said they do not**! That knowledge now being part of the record, should clarify that the testing will be useless and a moot point insofar as the nanoparticle toxins in the affluence.. Beyond the environmental problems from FoxConn's affluent, there will be an absolute loss of water on a large scale. It has been argued by those who favor the water diversion that there is more than enough water to go around. That those concerned about the water diversion depleting supply are overreacting and silly. This mentality obfuscates logic in long-term planning based upon actual data of historical water levels. Any farmer or gardener knows there are times of drought and times of flooding. During times of drought, there is only a limited supply of water to go around. Governor Scott Walker will be long gone when the time arrives to legislate who gets first dibs? These are basic questions that would have been answered had been a full impact study performed. This begs the question of a quick and easy fix for Governor Scott Walker's claim of how many jobs he's brought to Wisconsin. Is this governor blinded by political ambitions and backroom deals? It can only be surmised that he's counted his chickens before they've hatched. Without a full impact study, no one should be holding public forums of any type. There are too many unanswered questions. Yet, there is a fast-tracking to bring this to fruition before hard questions can be studied. Why?! It is incredulous that even one rock is moved before the DNR has granted the permit! The parties in favor of you granting the permit have demonstrated a complete disregard for the process of due diligence. Taking into consideration that FoxConn's overall business plan also includes artificial intelligence, it should be noteworthy that this alone speaks volumes that their realm of business is in robotics, not live flesh and blood human beings. I would urge you to investigate all aspects of this conglomerate called FoxConn. It is even more incredulous that there was no representative from either FoxConn or the Governor's office present at this hearing. A good business partner is not a silent one. All these glitches should be raising big red flags at the DNR. It took decades to clean up much of the basin from industrial and developmental exploitation of the water basin. So, the burden now rests upon the Wisconsin

DNR to do the right thing. Your decision will be historical, as this is the test ground for allowing this type manufacturing in the United States of America. What YOU decide will set the precedent of what happens in the rest of our country. With all due respect, I remind you that the DNR's mission statement is to protect our natural resources. Therefore, it is your duty and responsibility to deny Racine's application to divert water from Lake Michigan for use in FoxConn's manufacturing process of LCDs. It is my sincere hope that the Wisconsin DNR and all state members of the Compact do what they were created to do -- **protect our natural resource(s)** from exploitation and profit. Clean and plentiful water is essential to sustain all living things, and no amount of money or added jobs will matter one iota once the damage is done. Scott Walker, like all politicians, will come and go with term limits. However, the water we have been blessed with, is all the water we will ever have. Once it is gone, it is gone. Like it or not, it is now up to YOU, the Wisconsin DNR, to do its job to protect our natural resources. Many are watching to see if you will open the floodgates for those who'll surely follow in FoxConn's footsteps. Please ask yourself this question: Can there be a dollar amount put on our fresh and abundant water supply? Simply browse the world news and it is evident that clean and plentiful water is a priceless treasure. We just so happen to have it in our own backyard. Protect it. Thank you for your time and consideration to read my statement.

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