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To: DNR Racine Diversion Comments
Subject: City of Racine (Foxconn) Diversion Permit
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Dear Sirs:

I desire to comment on this request, in opposition to granting the same.

Lake Michigan is an asset which must be protected and preserved. As I understand the request, the City of Racine wants to draw down the L. Michigan water level at a rate of 7 million gals./day. It claims 4 million gals/day shall be returned. Even if this is accurate, we still have a net loss of 3 million gals./day of L. Michigan water.

How long can L. Michigan sustain this rate of withdrawal without adverse consequence? The L. Michigan waters are not in inexhaustible resource! That they are not must be appreciated, particularly by those delegated the responsibility of protecting and preserving this valuable resource.

One aspect of carrying out this responsibility is to assure that any requested diversion is for "public use." Foxconn is a private, not public, entity:

> **Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd.**, trading as **Foxconn Technology Group**, is a multinational electronics contract manufacturing company headquartered in Tucheng, New Taipei, Republic of China (Taiwan).

Moreover, it is a foreign entity seeking to consume a U.S. national resource for private financial gain. Under no stretch of the imagination, or perversion of linguistics, may consumption of L. Michigan waters by a foreign for-profit corporation be deemed a "public use." To find such use public requires a total disregard of the the intent of the drafters of the regulation.

Should this request be granted, the door is opened to corporate America and foreign corporations doing business in the U.S. to assert a right to tap into the waters of L. Michigan for purely personal use and financial gain.

Would such a request be granted if the ultimate user wanted to draw 7 million gals./day for the purpose of selling bottled L. Michigan water? I suspect not. That the end result is the manufacture of flat screen televisions, versus containers of bottled water, makes no substantive difference in terms of granting the request. In both instances it should be denied. No amount of flat screen televisions can/will ever equal the inestimable value of L. Michigan as a natural resource.

As difficult as it may be, faithfulness to your role as stewards over the natural resource consisting of L. Michigan waters mandates denial of the requested diversion permit by the City of Racine.

Thank you,

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