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I am writing in reference to the request by the Fox Con to divert millions of gallons of Lake Michigan water. The DNR has no credibility regulating unless it rejects what the Chicago Tribune called sticking a giant straw into Lake Michigan. This theft will benefit few in Wisconsin and set a terrible precedent for other states and provinces abutting the Great Lakes.

Jodi Habush Sinykin, an attorney for Midwest Environmental Advocates, said the Great Lakes Compact bans diversions outside the Great Lakes basin unless they meet narrowly defined exceptions. She cited section 4.9.1 of the compact that states “all the water so transferred shall be used solely for public water supply purposes within the straddling community.”

The compact further defines “public water supply” as serving “largely residential customers that may also serve industrial, commercial and other institutional operators,” Sinykin said.

“Rather, the complete opposite is true,” she said. “Racine will use the majority, if not the entirety, of the diverted Great Lakes water to serve the industrial needs of a single, private, foreign industrial entity – Foxconn.”

The DNR should also be reviewing the company’s industrial-scale addition of chemicals to its manufacturing and wastewater treatment processes and the potential impact on the environment.

You are not doing your oversight duty under law if you approve this illegal diversion.

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