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Subject:	Foxconn Public Hearing on the City Of Racine"s Application for Diversion of Great Lakes Water
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To Whom It May Concern:

Against the City of Racine Diversion request

The City of Racine is using very carefully couched language to sail past the fact that the intent of its Diversion Request is to provide the majority of its water for a single privately owned for-profit corporation. I object to this request for an exception allowing a private corporation to remove from the original watershed such a large volume of water intended for public use.

An extremely high percentage of water used by Foxconn is expected to be consumed during use. By the standards of anyone's lifetime this results in an extraction of 40% of up to 7 million gallons of water removed daily from Lake Michigan. Is there no way to recapture more of this consumptive use?

Foxconn needs to be forthcoming about the kind of pretreatment process it will use. What kind of chemicals are involved in Foxconn's manufacturing, and what are their safe limits for human, animal and plant health? Is anyone examining whether Foxconn has demonstrated good pretreatment standards at its other locations? In pretreatment, will Foxconn remove materials the City of Racine system is not capable of removing? This is essential. Since Foxconn is at the cutting edge of technology it should also be at the cutting edge of environmental quality. I would expect nothing less.

I am very concerned about the diversion request to put Lake Michigan water in the Mississippi Basin. It appears that even though Foxconn is acquiring land within the Lake Michigan Basin, it wants to use the Mississippi Basin side of its intended property for manufacturing. It could potentially contain its manufacturing within the Lake Michigan Basin but chooses not to.

In my opinion the City of Racine Diversion Request for Foxconn violates the spirit of the Great Lakes Compact. Granting this request would open the door to other such requests and leave us and the country's largest supply of fresh water unprotected.

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