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This application is weird and possibly illegal.

First, this facility will not be located within the Great Lakes Basin, but rather in the "straddling" community of Mount Pleasant. The City of Racine is the applicant, rather than Mount Pleasant. This is troubling because cities within the Basin with extra capacity do not qualify to request a diversion.

Second, the water delivered to Mount Pleasant will not be diverted for public consumption, as required by the Great Lakes Compact, but rather to a private, foreign corporation. A key tenet of the Great Lakes Compact is to protect Great Lakes Water FOR THE PUBLIC.

Third, the Foxconn proposal says that nearly 40% of the 7 million gallons would be lost to the manufacturing process, and not returned to the lake. Another key tenet of the Great Lakes Compact is that water taken MUST BE RETURNED,
But when does consumptive use, not related to public use, become so great that it has a cumulative negative impact on the Great Lakes? What happens when we have 20-30 Foxconn's around the Great Lakes failing to return water at such high levels? Even one is too many.

Fourth, there is no specificity about how the water will be used, treated, or managed, or whether Foxconn will be exempt from certain permitting requirements. This is far too vague.

We are talking about the water supply for forty MILLION Wisconsinites being endangered for the sake of one business. Only 1% of Great Lakes water is renewed by rain or snow. The rest needs to flow back in age-old ways.

To sum up: The application is being made by Racine and not by the straddling community of Mount Pleasant, the water diverted will not be used primarily for public water supply, and there has not been a review of whether the cumulative consumptive use from this precedent setting diversion will negatively impact the Great Lakes over time.

This proposal does not meet the spirit of the Great Lakes Compact AT ALL.

The DNR needs to be held accountable and to handle this project according to the spirit and intent of the Great Lakes Compact.

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> we write because we have to.
> > Somerset Maugham

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