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To:	DNR Racine Diversion Comments
Subject:	Oppose City of Racine"s Water Diversion Application
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Dear Mr. Freihoefer and the Department of Natural Resource Decision-Makers,

The City of Racine's application to divert Lake Michigan water for FoxConn should be opposed. Out of the daily 7 million gallons of water extracted, 40 percent will not be returned to the lake as it will be consumed in the manufacturing process. We must protect our health and save our water for public consumption. Scarcity of freshwater is an increasingly critical public health problem throughout the world. Less than 0.01% of all water worldwide is available for human use. Our great lakes contain one-fifth of this fresh water and have been at historically low levels in recent years due to climate change. Fresh water is our gold. If this proposal is approved by the DNR, the state is risking a precedent that could make it impossible to say no to private demands for excessive withdrawals of fresh water in the future. Of equal concern is whether FoxConn will be able to actually remove 100% of the heavy metals, including mercury, out of the water they are returning to our lake. The FoxConn proposal is too risky for the health of Wisconsin residents and should be opposed by the DNR.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on the application.

Sincerely,

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