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I do not farm in the Buffalo River watershed yet. I am still very interested in this right to farm issue. I am concerned that the PC&E Commission is considering a permanent moratorium on hog farms in this area. To take such a drastic measure, without the science to back up the decision, sets an extreme precedent. What happens when you choose to expand beyond limits on hogs to include dairy, beef, poultry? While I understand this only applies to medium and large farms this time, what is next? All farms?

We cannot allow emotional hysteria to stop the very basic need of food production for a rapidly increasing population. Rational men and women need to make sound decisions that are good for all the citizens of Arkansas. Please use great care before making a hasty decision. I ask that you not make a permanent moratorium animal feeding operations in the Buffalo River watershed.

Respectfully submitted,

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