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Mr. Doug Szenher  
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Dear Mr. Szenher:

Please support the proposed new rules restricting CAFO's in the Buffalo National River Watershed.

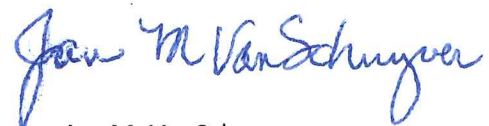
Unlike Iowa, where Cargill designs its CAFO operations, our karst topography in the Ozark mountains of Arkansas is porous limestone and riddled with caves, seeping springs, and underground waterways. Spreading manure or using holding ponds here does not ensure that the groundwater will be unaffected by waste seepage. Any opening in the soil could be the entrance to a sinkhole or cave yet undiscovered. Any sinkhole or cave could easily lead to an underground waterway and carry untreated hog sewage straight into the Buffalo River.

In addition to the problems with water quality, research shows that proximity to a CAFO results in health issues and quality of life issues as well as economic problems for a community. Please don't give in to pressure from a small amount of people and a powerful corporation who stand to profit at the expense of the larger community and the environment. Sewage in the Buffalo may take generations to clean up, if cleanup is even possible. Why put ourselves in the position of needing to deal with this?

Stand on the side of clean air, clean water, steady property values, good health, more jobs from tourism, and humane treatment of hogs; stand firm for the environment and the pristine Buffalo River. Stop the encroachment of Cargill into our karst topography where their "farming" practices are sure to pollute.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments and searching your own heart and mind before drawing conclusions on this matter of utmost importance.

Sincerely,



Jan M. VanSchuyver