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Subject: Support for Amending APC&E Commission Regulations 5 and 6

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Attn: Mr. D. Szenher

Subject: Petition to amend APC&E Commission Regulations 5 and 6

To Whom it May Concern:

I fully support the petition to amend APC&E Commission Regulations 5 and 6 which would ban new medium and large confined swine operations in the Buffalo National River Watershed. We already have one large confined swine operation in the watershed near Mt. Judea, but data collection and monitoring by Dr. Sharpley's UA team and Dr. Brahana's team have only recently begun. Thus, the impact on water quality and public health remains unknown, and it would be premature to proceed now under the assumption that the environment—both natural and economic—would be unaffected by additional CAFOs.

I am a long-time and frequent user of the Buffalo River, its tributaries and watershed and I have long considered the Buffalo River to be the most treasured outdoor recreational site in the state. I laud the efforts of the private citizens who—led by Dr. Neil Compton—had the foresight to “save” the Buffalo River in 1972. Now the goal of citizens and our public agencies must be to “preserve” what that previous generation fought for. Let's exhibit wisdom by proceeding cautiously until we have conclusive data before deciding on other CAFOs in the Buffalo watershed.

Sincerely,

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