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To Whom It May Concern:

I am extremely dismayed that the Arkansas Pollution & Control Commission is considering making the 180 day moratorium on animal feeding operations in the Buffalo River watershed into a permanent moratorium based on emotions rather than science. As a former Arkansas Game & Fish Commissioner, I understand the public pressure that the PC&E commissioners are under, but to put such a permanent moratorium in place before the results of the state funded research project are in hand, would be a travesty. Extending the 180 day moratorium until the scientific data is collected and analyzed would seem a much more defensible option. Allowing third party rule making based strictly on emotions will be setting a dangerous precedent for the Commission and I would simply ask: What is next? Is PC&E going to use third party rule making to prohibit chicken houses, dairy farms, and cattle operations in the Buffalo River watershed? As Randy Veach, Arkansas Farm Bureau's President so eloquently stated: "When emotion, instead of science, is driving the decision, there is no telling what could happen."

In closing, I will simply ask you to do the right thing regardless of the political pressure and let science guide your decision.

Sincerely,

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