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To whom it may concern,

The decision to allow a third-party rule-making proposal to be adopted for 180 days, and considered for permanent adoption, is a poor reflection on the staff of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and the PC&E Commission.

Do we not have experts on these subjects working for the state of Arkansas now?

Haven't we allowed our state legislature the opportunity to enact laws that will impact our citizens, because they are the ones who stand for election?

Why is it some do-gooder lawyer can step in and propose something radical and be treated as if it is the only answer to the situation?

These questions all carry answers that are offensive to me, because they all imply the wrong people are making decisions that have serious impacts on our lives and livelihoods.

Ditch third-party rulemaking as an option. If hard decisions need to be made, they need to be made by ADEQ, this Commission and/or the duly elected members of the Arkansas General Assembly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Raymond Duncan Jr.", written in a cursive style.