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Dear Doug Szenher:

As a long time agriculturalist, 28 years as a University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture Extension crop production specialist and 15 years as an independent crop consultant, I have watched the regulation of agriculture at the national and state level move from a science based process to that of less science and more emotion. Agriculture is a science based business and as such the regulations regarding agriculture should be guided by sound science.

The advent of social media has increased the move toward non-science based regulations. Social media has given so called "environmental groups" ready access to the general public which has little or no knowledge of agriculture. This access in some cases has provided the opportunity to misinform, misrepresent, or even entirely mislead the public, in order to create emotion driven regulatory action.

Regulation of our agricultural industry in Arkansas with emotion driven regulations will not serve agriculture or the general public well. What issue will be next?

Sincerely,

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