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Good Morning,

The Buffalo River's 45th birthday as our first national river was just the other day. That is 45 years of protection and continued fighting for that protection, and in a few days you have the opportunity to join the fight OR make the fight harder.

For many Arkansans the Buffalo River is a cornerstone of our home, not to mention the draw the river has with the tourists that visit the Natural State. It is a treasure to those that live here and those that come from far away. I understand that the hog farm in question is owned by one of the largest privately owned companies in the world, and I would imagine it is pretty tempting to put money above the health of the river. But I'd like to ask you to look far into the future and imagine the legacy you'd like to leave after your time in service to Arkansans'.

The citizen's of this state have been fighting for years to protect this national treasure, yet big business has continued to take precedent. Governor, many issues you face on a daily basis are partisan issues. It seems to be that this river may be one of the only issues you face that isn't about Republicans or Democrats, but is about preserving one of the most beautiful and beloved parts of our state for all Arkansans', republican and democrat alike.

I wonder, when is the last time you took a float down the Buffalo? When is the last time you swam in its crystal clear water? Last summer my husband and I came upon a bald eagle and sat below him in our kayak's for a good 30 minutes. Wilderness is valuable to humans. Contact with that wilderness makes us happier and healthier individuals.

Perhaps beyond the importance the river has to folks, tourists, etc... is the true environmental implication of the hog farm. Please do not choose to push this river to brink. Please do not rob future generations of Arkansans the right to swim in its waters free of disease. Please protect the legacy of the Natural State and choose this treasured part of the Arkansas story.

Thank you very much for your time.

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