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To: robert.moery@governor.arkansas.gov; Water Draft Permit Comments

Subject: [BULK] Reg 5 Permit

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Governor,

As a young man I had the pleasure of growing up floating the Buffalo National River. This was paramount in my development as a responsible and mature young man because this is where I had the opportunity to prove to my parents that I was fully capable of handling myself independently in the great outdoors. Our annual trips to the river brought us closer together and kept our bond strong. I'm trying to show how important this river is to my friends and family but I simply don't feel like words suffice.

So I'll put it blunt. The Buffalo River is one of America's most pristine areas. There is a reason it was the very first national river. To allow it to be degraded for minimal economic impact is absurd. If you allow this I consider you unable to make the most simple decisions aligned with the values of Arkansas citizens. Allow the Reg 5 permit to be issued and you will never have my support again and frankly I will be deeply ashamed I ever voted for you.

Please make the best choice for Arkansas. If anything, go float the river with your family, think about how many families look forward to the same every year, enjoy the beauty, and take time to contemplate. I hope you make the right choice.

Sincerely,

Steven LeCamu