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Mr. Szenher,

I'm very concerned about our gift from God, this amazing 1st-national river in our state. I think it should be even a federal concern that any sort of environmental risk is happening to our 1st national river. I'm appalled that not more is being done, even among our citizens and state officials, to protect its cleanliness from factory farming.

And yet, I know AR is a farming state and it is our livelihood. Please, make an example as an Arkansan to say, "yes, it is our livelihood but as people in control of our destiny, we can maintain that livelihood while keeping our waters safe - especially for the people who frequent that river all year, every year." I know you've read the #'s - visitors have spent over 40 million dollars in communities around the Buffalo river area in a year. Also, with the rising of hydraulic natural-gas fracturing, which has already posed a threat to our drinking water and to the very ground under our feet - we cannot add more turmoil onto ourselves by compromising the pristine in this state.

Please don't compromise on this debate. Like I said before, this should be a federal concern because it is not just the local's river, it is our national river and that should be enough reason to keep it clean. And to those who want to say it's ok, that factory farming isn't detrimental and is safe for people in the area to be around, I say "look up the risks involved" and you'll find that it's not ok. Even the ADH has stood up to express concern about ppl swimming in parasite-infested waters. Until there is organic, small-farm operations, it will not be safe. You know what I'm saying is true and as an official, you have every responsibility to say something, to do something, to the BEST and to the furthest EXTENT of your ability or at least inspire those who can make more of a difference. It's amazing what one person can do.

Thank you for reading and giving your time,

Brittany Paul