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This email is addressed to the
Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission

While I do not have a farming operation in the Buffalo River watershed, I am very interested at the news that I am hearing about this area. I have a poultry operation that is considered a CAFO. I feel very uneasy as to the recent experiences of the C&H Hog farm in Newton Co. These people love agriculture and their land the same as I love my land and would do nothing to hurt it. Our life's dream as farmers is to make a living on our land. Yet there are environmental groups that feel they know better than we, as to how to care for a farm. I am very interested in the right to farm issue. I am concerned the PC&E Commission is considering a permanent moratorium on hog farms in the area of C&H Farms.

To take such a drastic measure, without the science to back up the decision, sets an extreme precedent. One that seems common place in today's political correctness environment. What happens if an environmental group wants to target another area? What happens when you chose to expand beyond limits on hogs and include dairy, beef, or poultry? I understand this only applies to medium or large farms this time, but will it stop there? How long until all agriculture is in question? Are there any studies being conducted on human contamination in the watershed area? With the many thousands of visitors on the river annually, this is sure to make an impact.

I believe those behind this request, if emboldened by your actions, will be back before this Commission and at the state legislature trying to expand the scope to include other farms and other businesses that they find unnecessary. That will be a disaster.

We need every farm we have in Arkansas, in fact we need more. Please don't take an action that ultimately would impact all farms in an incredibly irresponsible way.

Thank you for your time
I anxiously await a response

Dan Wright