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Attn: Doug Szenher
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To whom it may concern,

I read an article in the Farm Bureau magazine several months ago about the hog farm in Newton County. In that article, which I just found to re-read, the president of the Farm Bureau said fear has overtaken reality when it comes to this hog farm. He referred to Franklin Roosevelt's famous quote, "only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Is it that same fear that is making the PC&E Commission adopt new regulations for the Buffalo River? It bothers me that the PC&E Commission could be taking other people's fear into account when considering something as important as unnecessary regulations.

I support the Buffalo River. I want it remain clean, too. But I think that is why we have the state and federal environmental guidelines we have in place now.

As Randy Veach, the Farm Bureau president, said at the end of his article, "when we realize those state and federal standards protect the Buffalo River watershed, as well as every other watershed in our great state, all fears should subside."

I ask the PC&E Commission to put your fear aside.

Sincerely,

Gary Proctor