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Dear Doug Szenher:

I am deeply worried that a third party group is having an impact on a farm family that has complied with all the requirements and laws. And that they and others may not be allowed to expand or even farm in this area, based on an emotional outcry when the science clearly points to no harm to the water in the initial studies, is cause for great concern.

To have a rule making proposal by only one group, implemented even temporarily before the scientific results are known, would seemingly make a mockery of the incredible amount of time, effort and my tax dollars that are being spent in search for the truth. In fact I suspect that there are some whom do not really want the truth to come to light.

I understand that the Environmental Protection Agency was called by someone in another county to check for violations on the C & H hog farm and the inspector said that they wished every property was in such good shape. So, if they were satisfied, why wouldn't ADEQ and the PC&E Commission wait to see what the science tells us about this farm? It would imply that maybe the data doesn't present the disastrous results that this third party had hoped.

This is surely not an implication that you and the Commission would want. In fact shouldn't these family farmers be instead applauded for being within the state requirements that had been set forth and were still able to produce a marketable product in an environmentally friendly way that the consumer demands???

Now if this group here and I don't know that it does, as some have espoused in the past, is really upset about the fact that there is a consumer demand for livestock production anywhere, then using this watershed issue while maybe deemed strategic is really just an incredible act of cowardice!

The farm families of Arkansas almost without exception plan on passing their land on to the next generation and the next. And as such are outstanding stewards of the land and the environment. To "poison the land", as farmers have been accused of on occasion, would be ludicrous.

I would implore you to not listen to emotion but instead be guided by sound scientific evidence.

Sincerely,

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