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I am writing to support the rulemaking petition to ban new medium and large confined swine operations in the Buffalo National River watershed by amending Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulations 5 and 6.

My roots run deep in the Buffalo River country. "Papa" Rea, my great grandfather, started the telephone company in Rush, on the lower Buffalo River, in the early 1900s and strung telephone lines from Rush to Rea Valley. His daughter, my late "Granny" Burch, use to take me and cousins to Rush to swim in the clear water during the 1950s and 1960's. I have since canoed from Ponca to Buffalo City on three week-long canoe trips and have canoed from Buffalo Point to Rush many, many time. In several weeks our family will convene at the Buffalo Point cabins for our annual family reunion that always includes a canoe trip down to Rush.

The Buffalo River holds a special place in my heart. I have told my wife I am considering having my ashes spread on the Buffalo River! I supported the formation of Buffalo National River which, in itself, placed the river under our country's highest level of protection and stewardship. I am familiar with the occurrences of flash floods in the Buffalo watershed, anyone of which could flush detention ponds containing swine waste into the river. To greatly increase the potential for water pollution in our nation's first national river by allowing the construction of new medium and large confined swine operations is simply an injustice. This is counter to the basic principles behind the creation of the Buffalo National River.

In summary, I am support the rulemaking petition to ban new medium and large confined swine operations in the Buffalo National River watershed by amending Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulations 5 and 6.

Respectfully submitted,

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