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To whom it may concern,

It has come to my attention that the PC&E Commission has caved in to the environmental fringe who believes a hog farm 6 miles from the Buffalo River has put the general public in such danger that they are putting a halt to all future farming operations in the entire watershed, including those operating on private, not public, lands.

If you are truly looking for the source of any manure that makes its way into the Buffalo River, I would suggest you spend more time looking at the native species roaming free, unconfined, in the watershed, such as elk, deer, raccoons, possums, and, especially, wild hogs. These animals not only leave droppings and waste in the watershed, they have the freedom to do it while standing in the Buffalo River. I recently went trail riding in the Buffalo River National Park. I was appalled at the evidence of the extremely high number of feral hogs in the park. I would not be surprised to find that the number of feral hogs in the park, within a mile of the river, would exceed the number of hogs which would be on the confinement operation you are trying so hard to destroy. It would appear much more prudent for your organization to address the real issue and real source of potential fecal pollution to the river, the feral hog population in the National Park. If the issue of feral hogs in the park were addressed first, there would be no need to bully and illegally interfere with a private business venture located over 6 miles from the river.

How is it that something so obvious can escape the outrage of the environmental stewards who are now raising such a stink over confined hogs in the Buffalo?

These people are misguided and poorly informed, and the PC&E Commission is being misled by them. I ask you to stand up for common sense, for practical science, and for what is right and protected by the constitution of these United States.

Sincerely,

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