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Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission
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To whom it may concern,

While I do not farm in the Buffalo River watershed, I am still very interested in this right to farm issue. I am concerned that the PC&E Commission is considering a permanent moratorium on hog farms in this area.

To take such a drastic measure, without the science to back up the decision, sets an extreme precedent. What happens when they decide to allow another outside 3rd party rule-making group that wants to change something in another area? What happens when you choose to expand beyond limits on hogs to include dairy, beef, and poultry? While I understand this only applies to medium and large farms this time, what is next? All farms?

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 disastrous.

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.

Sincerely,

Ardith Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ardith Smith".