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To Whom It May Concern:

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

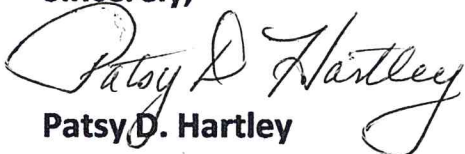
Is it that same fear that is making the PC&E Commission adopt new regulations for the Buffalo River? Is the PC&E Commission taking other people's fear into account when considering something as important as unnecessary regulations?

I support the Buffalo River and want it to remain clean. But I do believe we have the necessary State and Federal environmental guidelines in place to guarantee that it does.

As the president of Farm Bureau stated in his article, "when we realize those State and Federal standards protect the Buffalo River watershed, as well as every watershed in the great State of Arkansas, all fears should subside."

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

Sincerely,


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