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Dear APC&E Commissioners,

I support the changes proposed by ADEQ to Rule 5 and Rule 6 that would institute a permanent moratorium on issuance of permits for medium and large swine CAFOs in the Buffalo National River watershed.

Our lovely Buffalo brings tourist dollars to our state, provides multiple jobs for local people who serve the boaters and rafters, and boosts the local economy. It is the first place I bring all my visitors from Texas, Oklahoma, California, Washington DC, and Seattle. They want to return year after year to travel to the Buffalo and enjoy it's beauty.

The karst geography in the region cannot accomodate the large amount of stinky, nutrient-dense waste produced by CAFOS due to the amount of caves, springs and underground streams. Also the thin soil cannot absorb the amount of waste generated and spread in service to this factory "farm."

This fragile ecosystem is a poor choice for CAFOs. Permitting C&H was an admitted mistake, and only a ban on this type of industry will ensure that this doesn't happen again in the future.

I am a supporter of the right to farm and the opportunity for people to use their land as they wish, as long as their choices do not negatively impact their neighbors and the entire region. A CAFO is not a "farm." It is an industrial operation with a huge impact on not only our national river but also the local economy and the health of the people who live nearby, especially children whose risk for developing asthma and other diseases has been proven to increase when a CAFO is located near their homes and schools.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you will do the right thing and support a permanent moratorium on issuance of permits for medium and large swine CAFOs in the Buffalo National River watershed.

Sincerely,
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