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Dear ADEQ,

I do not have specific training in these areas, but it is my understanding that the rock structures and soil types around the Buffalo River watershed are incompatible with concentrated animal feeding operations.

However, I have a field in natural resources economics. I believe that the economic damage from such operations is far greater than any economic benefit of such operations. Natural resource-based industries in north central Arkansas are a critical part of regional economics in the short run, and more critical to the value those who will contemplate retirement in these areas (and the secondary economic impacts such relocation to Arkansas) in the long run.

A ban seems the economically logical next step.

Sincerely,

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