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Hello,

I live in Fayetteville and also have a home adjacent to the Highway 65 Bridge. We consider the Bridge to Gilbert our backyard. Our property meets the park at Goodhue Holler just beyond the gravel bar at the Bridge.

For the last several years, I have sat in meetings across the state concerning the protection of the Buffalo National River. I am part of a very large group of concerned citizens from across the country who want this river protected. I attended the public hearing at the ADEQ this past Friday (8/17).

As I listened to your agency posture and pontificate about who and how we should address the fact that part of the river is now impaired, I became increasingly frustrated. The citizens have spoken very clearly on this issue. The public wants the river alive and well however we can't make this happen on our own....if we could, the river would already be healthy again. It seems very apparent that serious steps need to be taken immediately. We don't need to spend several more years discussing the environmental and economic impacts of the river. We need to address it NOW and the back and forth about which list it needs to be on could go on indefinitely.

From what I understand, it is the mission of the ADEQ to protect the water quality of all streams in AR. Since you are supported by the tax dollars of the state and apparently have the authority to take action, I would say the buck stops in your beautiful building in NLR. I am beyond asking nicely.....stop talking and take some action.

Respectfully,

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