

To Whom It May Concern,

As Arkansas voters, we watch with absolute disgust as our lawmakers and regulators continue to support a factory farm operation that objective experts say threatens our pristine Buffalo River, a state and national treasure.

The most recently available soil tests show that current C&H fields have exceeded optimum phosphorus levels. How many experts and concerned citizens need to say stop before someone in Arkansas leadership does more than pretend to care?

As someone who grew up on a successful family hog operation, I do not believe such a permit is good for the hog business. By contrast, it attracts attention to pollution issues presented by CAFOs and creates more public backlash against commercial pork.

Continued support for C&H by our lawmakers and regulators, and C&H's stubborn refusal to listen to expert and public outcry, is putting short-term profits over long-term public AND hog industry business.

This is short-sighted pandering to corporate interests and short-term profit-seeking at its finest. In the long run, it will benefit neither the public, government leaders nor the industry itself.

It is just appalling to sit here and, year after year, watch our own government fail to represent Arkansan and American public interest in protecting the Buffalo River.

Sincerely,

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