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Ladies and Gentlemen: My family has camped, floated and fished the Buffalo River for almost fifty (50) years. As you know, the Buffalo was the first national river in the country, and offers some of the best scenery on earth. Wonderful memories were made during our time on the river. Over the last several years, particularly the last 2-3 years, the river has increasingly been found to have large chunks of green algae floating in the water. Almost every cast results in a chunk of green algae on the hook to reel in. Our floats have typically been from Maumee to Buffalo Point, so that section of the river is what I'm most familiar with. I think it's safe to say that this condition is not a natural occurrence. I realize that there are probably chicken farms and houses along the river path, but they have been there for many years without the algae problem developing. So I think the finger has finally been pointed to the commercial C & H Hog Farm operation in the upper river area. I'm not sure what the politics were that got us into this problem, but I think that official sample results are shedding light on the hog farm as the source of the pollution. Therefore, I advocate that the application for renewal permit for C & H Hog Farm be denied, and that any other permit applications of this kind that could result in pollution of the national treasure that is the Buffalo River or it's watershed be denied.

Thank you,

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