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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 01, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE STAN STEPHENS

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE FORCE  
STRUCTURE REDUCTIONS PLANNED FOR THE  
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

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Office of the Governor  
Helena, Montana 59620  
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STAN STEPHENS  
GOVERNOR

March 26, 1992

The Honorable George Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is with deep respect and admiration for you as Commander-In-Chief and President that I write about my concerns over the force structure reductions planned for the Army National Guard. I support your overall philosophy of cutting the defense budget, but not beyond what is prudent. The imperfect world in which we live is still dangerous and will require a strong, trained, and ready military force able to respond to our nation's needs. With the dramatic geopolitical changes that have occurred throughout the world, I believe the National Guard is an attractive cost effective alternative to a large standing Army.

As you are well aware, Governors absolutely depend on the National Guard in natural or man made disasters, the war on drugs and many domestic issues. In fact, immediately following Operation Desert Storm, I called upon our National Guard personnel to run several of our state institutions while state employees were on strike. But, probably more importantly, I observed a patriotic outpouring for Desert Shield/Desert Storm in our cities and towns not seen since WWII. I believe the call-up of the National Guard and Reserve was in large measure responsible for this support. Those who established and implemented the Total Force Policy clearly understood the outcome Vietnam had on our nation.

In the state of Montana, the DOD Force Structure Plan is devastating. By FY 1994 our Army National Guard is scheduled to be reduced 83%; approximately 3250 soldiers' positions out of 3900 will be eliminated. The citizen soldier will not be seen in 24 Montana communities where armories will close. Naturally, my ability to react to the many threats confronting our citizens will be sharply curtailed.

President George Bush  
March 26, 1992  
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I would urge you to reconsider the present Base Force Plan. Is the proposed mix between Active Force structure and National Guard/Reserve Force structure the best plan for our nation and states' needs? I believe, as do other Governors, that this proposal is not balanced.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important state issue.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stan Stephens".

STAN STEPHENS  
Governor

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 27, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE GEORGE S. MICKELSON

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES A COPY OF A LIST OF FEDERAL RULES  
AND REGULATIONS COMPILED BY THE GOVERNOR'S  
CABINET MEMBERS THAT THEY BELIEVE SHOULD BE  
CHANGED OR ELIMINATED

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# STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

GEORGE S. MICKELSON  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
STATE CAPITOL, 500 EAST CAPITOL  
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA  
57501-5070  
(605) 773-3212

March 24, 1992

*D. Be...*

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500-0002

Dear Mr. President:

In your excellent State of the Union message, you spoke against the federal "regulatory overkill" that decreases economic growth.

You challenged the federal bureaucracy to review the rules and regulations that kill jobs and stifle economic recovery.

To help them meet that challenge and help you accelerate the economy even more, I am enclosing a list of federal rules and regulations that my cabinet members and I believe should be changed or eliminated.

Thank you very much for being such an excellent leader for America.

Very truly yours,

GSM:jsl

Enclosure

- cc: The Honorable Lamar Alexander, Jr.
- The Honorable Louis W. Sullivan
- The Honorable William K. Reilly
- The Honorable Andrew Card
- Ms. Debra Anderson

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 30, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE WILLIAM F. WELD

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE REDUCTIONS  
BEING MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
IN THE NUMBER OF ARMY NATIONAL GUARD UNITS  
IN MASSACHUSETTS

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE HOUSE • BOSTON 02133

WILLIAM F. WELD  
GOVERNOR

ARGEO PAUL CELLUCCI  
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

March 18, 1992

*David [unclear]*

The Honorable George H.W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

I am writing to express my concern about reductions being made by the Department of the Army in the number of Army National Guard units authorized in Massachusetts.

The Army National Guard as a whole is being reduced by five percent in 1992, however the Massachusetts Guard force is being reduced by seventeen percent. In 1993, while the Guard is to be reduced by another thirteen percent, Massachusetts is being cut by fifty percent.

I am concerned about the loss of a substantial part of a force that I and the citizens of the Commonwealth rely upon to respond during emergencies. Twice in the past year I called upon the Guard when severe storms caused damage to property and endangered lives in our communities. Finally, the loss of approximately \$70 million dollars in federal funds occurs during difficult economic times.

I take great pride in the Massachusetts Army National Guard and its honorable history which dates back to 1636. Shortly after assuming office, I issued a directive to my Adjutant General to actively seek out training opportunities overseas, thereby reversing an unfortunate policy of the previous Administration. Lieutenant Governor Paul Cellucci and I participated in farewell and welcome home ceremonies for our soldiers who responded to your call for duty in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm and I proclaimed 1991 as "The Year of the Guard" in Massachusetts.

The Honorable George H.W. Bush  
President of the United States  
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I understand that there is a plan being developed that will redistribute the units of the Army National Guard so that each state receives an equitable share of the total force. We need your help in insuring that an equitable redistribution is effected by next year in order to ensure the continued vitality of the Massachusetts National Guard.

I and the men and women of the Massachusetts Army National Guard will be most appreciative of your efforts to ensure an equitable allocation of units to the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Weld".

William F. Weld  
Governor



# South Dakota Legislature

State Capitol, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5088

House of Representatives

March 17, 1992

*SLR IT 01/20/92  
Mary McClure*

The Honorable George Bush  
President of the United States  
White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President

Enclosed herewith is House Concurrent Resolution No. 1009, which was adopted by the South Dakota House of Representatives and concurred in by the Senate during this sixty-seventh session of the South Dakota Legislature.

We would appreciate you giving your attention to the provisions of this Resolution and act favorably for the benefit of the citizens of South Dakota.

Thanking you for your kind consideration, I remain,

Sincerely,

*Karen Gerdes*

Karen Gerdes  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives  
Pierre, SD

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Enclosure

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1009

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting federal agencies to revise the wetlands policy.

WHEREAS, wetlands are areas that deserve consideration in order to preserve harmony with this nation's land and its resources and natural systems on which all life depends; and

WHEREAS, many environmental programs were developed nationwide through Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act, the "Swampbuster" provision of the 1985 Food Security Act, and the Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS, four federal agencies were assigned joint responsibility for identifying and delineating jurisdictional wetlands including the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency and the Soil Conservation Service; and

WHEREAS, rural residents, including farmers and ranchers, are subjected to federal regulations restricting their management control of their private property for the purpose of providing recreation, flood control, groundwater recharge, surface water filtration, soil erosion retardation, wildlife management and habitat for migrating waterfowl; and

WHEREAS, six billion dollars in federal funding is maintained for acquisition and development of recreation land and facilities to be administered by federal land management agencies; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota is one of several states whose location is in an area referred to as the prairie pothole region which is credited with the production of millions of waterfowl annually; and

WHEREAS, prairie potholes are specifically singled out in the 1991 proposed revisions to the Federal Manual for Delineating Wetlands; and

WHEREAS, 1,304,771 acres have been determined to be wetlands and farmed wetlands in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the amount of land that has been identified as wetlands and farmed wetlands equals three percent of the total acres of farmland in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, such federal determinations of agricultural acres to be wetlands impacts agricultural commodity production and agricultural income in South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh Legislature of the state of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that common sense wetland preservation provisions be established; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all wetlands be defined as possessing all three of the following mandatory wetland criteria simultaneously appearing on the same site: (1) hydrology; (2) a predominance of hydric

soil, and (3) a prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation present;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prairie potholes are not to be exempted from these requirements in order to be classified as wetlands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all existing wetland determinations be amended and be subject to new regulations and rules of determination with uniform evaluations, rights of appeal for landowners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the federal government consult with state and local governments to develop a unified, mutually agreeable management program to protect our nation's wetlands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a wetlands management program balance wetland values with the needs of the state of South Dakota and its political subdivisions and individual property rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any leaseholder, renter or owner be compensated equitably for the taking of any lands through the classification as wetlands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the protection and preservation of our natural resources as well as our human resources and our free enterprise system and democratic way of life, the wetland preservation rules be revised and promulgated in consideration for the food and fiber industries of South Dakota and other states; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be communicated to the President of the United States, South Dakota's delegation in the United States Congress, the South Dakota and the United States Secretaries of Agriculture, the United States Secretary of the Interior, the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the administrative director of the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture and the commander of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,  
Concurred in by the Senate,

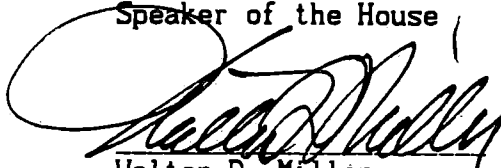
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Jim Hood  
Speaker of the House



Karen Gerdes  
Chief Clerk of the House



Walter D. Miller  
President of the Senate



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Secretary of the Senate

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 26, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE NORMAN H. BANGERTER

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN FOR THE EFFECT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROPOSED CUTS WILL HAVE ON THE UTAH ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND THE STATE OF UTAH AS A WHOLE

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David Bright

NORMAN H. BANGERTER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF UTAH  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
SALT LAKE CITY  
84114

March 16, 1992

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing this letter out of concern for the effect that Department of Defense proposed cuts will have on the Utah Army National Guard and the state of Utah as a whole.

As I am sure you are aware, the Army National Guard performed in an outstanding manner during Operation Desert Storm. In Utah, 21% of our Army National Guard was mobilized on very short notice and performed admirably as did our Air National Guard.

The National Guard is a major contributor to the life of the individual communities of Utah as well as the state as a whole. For instance, in the small community of Fillmore, Utah, with a population of slightly over 2,000 people, the National Guard armory is a focal point of activity within the town. Young people growing up in Fillmore continue the tradition of their fathers and grandfathers and join the National Guard, where they learn a marketable skill and develop a special love for their country and their state, and remain drug free. They also have the opportunity to obtain higher education through National Guard benefits.

The town owns the Guard. It is in the parades, participating in military funerals, and the first place we look when disasters strike such as the floods of '83 in Utah.

In 1994 the Defense Department proposes to take the Guard out of Fillmore along with Spanish Fork, Layton, Manti and some personnel from Draper, Riverton, and Salt Lake City. This will have a devastating effect on those communities and on my ability to respond to emergencies for the citizens of Utah.

The current plans to cut the Guard nationwide are going to have a profound effect on rural America. At a time when we are dealing with substantial domestic issues, the Guard, which is in the thick of the drug war, and which will be needed more and more in both urban and rural America, the Guard, which is one of the best selling points for DOD funding since it impacts positively on the domestic environment within our country, that same Guard is being cut some 33% while the Active Army cuts are about 25%.

The Army National Guard of today is a mature evolution of the constitutionally mandated militia. It is the well trained and capable militia of which George Washington dreamed. It has the support of conservatives and liberals alike as a force which can in a major way help defend the nation from enemies both foreign and domestic.

I urge you to help me and the other Governors of this nation hold on to this precious asset and let it help you to hold force structure that you could possibly otherwise politically lose if the Army insists on the current proposed balance of Active and Guard and Reserve Forces.

This is one of the segments of the Defense Department which has the support to be maintained in this unstable world even in the face of a raid on DOD on Capitol Hill.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue and its importance to each of our states.

Respectfully,

  
Norman H. Bangert  
Governor

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 26, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE GEORGE V. VOINOVICH

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RE-EXAMINE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FORCE REDUCTION  
PLAN FOR THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

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GEORGE V. VOINOVICH  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

COLUMBUS 43266-0601

March 20, 1992

*David Beightol*

The Honorable George Bush  
The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We Republican Governors are jointly writing this letter out of concerns over the impact of the Department of Defense Force Reduction Plan for the Army National Guard. While we understand and support the overall philosophy of cutting the Defense budget, we are concerned that the administration plan fails to take full advantage of the Guard's capability as an alternative in the Active/Reserve Force debate. We are requesting that you review this issue as the Chief Executive and provide strong leadership in incorporating the Army National Guard into the Department of Defense plan in more meaningful way to answer our needs in the future.

The administration's plan calls for approximately a one-fourth cut to the Active Force and about one-third cut to the Guard and Reserves. The plan conceptualizes retention of twelve active duty divisions, six guard divisions, and an additional two guard divisions that are retained at cadre strength. The Guard would go from a 1992 force structure strength of 440,000 personnel to a 1995 end strength of 338,000.

It is our opinion that this Active/Reserve debate could be resolved by taking the approach recommended in the Reserve Forces Policy Study. The Total Force Policy Study Group, during its deliberations prior to the Administration's acceptance of the Base Force Strategy, considered a principal called the "rebuttable presumption" as a method of establishing force structure mix. The rebuttable presumption places everything in the Guard/Reserve unless there is a compelling reason to put force structure in the Active Force. Applying this rationale would prompt a re-examination of the current plan. As an example, Active Army Divisions that can't be transported to the future battle area prior to the amount of time that it takes to ready a guard division, should be structured in the Guard not in the Active Force. Currently the Administration's plan calls for 12 divisions in the Active Force with a strategic logistic plan that calls for the transport capability to convoy five divisions to a forward area in 75 days. Reserve Forces are capable of achieving readiness levels in this period of time such that it is prudent to

The Honorable George Bush  
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accept more economical guard divisions in lieu of retaining such a heavy force in the Active Component. We are urging a Guard alternative which would structure the Army at 10 Active division and 10 Guard division equivalents.

One further summary point appears essential. In today's world, many feel that the biggest threat to our nation exists within the borders of our country. Many write that the drug problem and inner city problems exist as more significant threats to our vital interest for the future than the overseas war scenarios that appear to be the principal consideration that has driven the current force reduction plan. The state is the lead agency that must respond to any strife generated from these internal treats. This factor, however, appears to have been given little consideration in the Department of Defense reduction plan. The current plan would take some of our state's Guard to the lowest strength level since 1951. That was a time before the all voluntary force and during an era that was not encumbered by our societies many modern complexities. Our judgment is that these civic issues are so important that they must be considered in structuring the force. We are, therefore, requesting that you re-examine the force reduction plan and modify it to address the concerns that exist among the affected Governors.

President Bush, thank you for your review of this request. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



George V. Voinovich  
Governor

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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PLAN FOR THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

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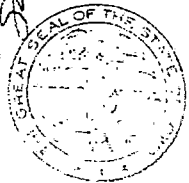
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
GOVERNOR

March 23, 1992

Honorable George Bush  
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We Republican Governors are jointly writing this letter out of concerns over the impact of the Department of Defense Force Reduction Plan for the Army National Guard. While we understand and support the overall philosophy of cutting the Defense budget, we are concerned that the administration plan fails to take full advantage of the Guard's capability as an alternative in the Active/Reserve Force debate. We are requesting that you review this issue as the Chief Executive and provide strong leadership in incorporating the Army National Guard into the Department of Defense plan in a more meaningful way to answer our needs in the future.

The administration's plan calls for approximately a one-fourth cut to the Active Force and about a one-third cut to the Guard and Reserves. The plan conceptualizes retention of twelve active duty divisions, six guard divisions, and an additional two guard divisions that are retained at cadre strength. The Guard would go from a 1992 force structure strength of 440,000 personnel to a 1995 end strength of 338,000.

It is the opinion of the undersigned that this Active/Reserve debate could be resolved by taking the approach recommended in the Reserve Forces Policy Study. The Total Force Policy Study Group during its deliberations prior to the Administrations acceptance of the Base Force Strategy, considered a principal called the "rebuttable presumption" as a method of establishing force structure mix. The rebuttable presumption places everything in the Guard/Reserve unless there is a compelling reason to put force structure in the Active Force. Applying this rationale would prompt a re-examination of the current plan. As an example, Active Army Divisions that can't be transported to the future battle area prior to the amount of time that it takes to ready a guard division, should be structured in the Guard not in the Active Force. Currently the Administration's plan calls for 12 divisions in the Active Force with a strategic logistic plan that calls for the transport capability to convoy five divisions to a forward area in 75 days. Reserve Forces are capable of achieving readiness levels in this period of time such that it is prudent to accept more economical guard divisions in lieu of retaining such a heavy force in the Active Component. We are urging a Guard alternative which would structure the Army at 10 Active division and 10 Guard division equivalents.

One further summary point appears essential. In today's world, many feel that the biggest threat to our nation exists within the borders of our country. Many write that the drug problem and inner city problems exist as more significant threats to our vital interest for the future than the overseas war scenarios that appears to be the principal consideration that has driven the current force reduction plan. The state is the lead agency that must respond to any strife generated from these internal threats. This factor, however, appears to have been given little consideration in the Department of Defense reduction plan. The current plan would take some of our state's Guard to the lowest strength level since 1951. That was a time before the all voluntary force and during an era that was not encumbered by our societies many modern complexities. Our judgement is that these civic issues are so important that they must be considered in structuring the force. We are, therefore, requesting that you re-examine the force reduction plan and modify it to address the concerns that exist among the affected Governor's.

Sincerely,



Terry E. Branstad  
Governor

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 10, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE FRANCIS E. RHODES

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
REGULATIONS BEING APPROVED THROUGH FEDERAL  
AND STATE LEGISLATION WITHOUT A METHOD OF  
FEDERAL OR STATE FUNDING BEING MADE AVAILABLE

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CITY OF CAPE GIRARDEAU

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

March 4, 1992

President George Bush  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

This letter concerns the environmental regulations being approved through Federal and State legislation without a method of Federal or State funding being made available to assist local communities in their compliance efforts.

During these difficult economic times, the burden of funding being placed on local communities for compliance efforts creates an undue hardship and hampers our ability to continue to provide quality service to our citizens in other important areas.

On behalf of the Cape Girardeau City Council, I would like to encourage you to consider these thoughts when making decisions relating to environmental regulations. Please consider the issue of funding of equal importance to the issue of environmental protection. When these two issues are equally balanced, the welfare of local citizens is truly considered.

I personally feel our legislators need to take a long hard look at the current regulations which are in effect. These regulations give bureaucracy authority to mandate hundreds of thousands of dollars for updating present facilities without providing funding. For example, the City of Cape Girardeau is upgrading the wastewater treatment plant which will cost over \$700,000, a facility that is only 15 years old. Legislation needs to slow down bureaucracy's interpretation of these laws mandating changes, WITHOUT FUNDING.

We have a large number of senior citizens who are on a fixed income and are having problems meeting their personal needs in everyday living without having to raise their sewer fees again to cover these basically questionable expenditures.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Francis E. Rhodes*  
Francis E. Rhodes  
Mayor

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 16, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE TERRY M. DEMPSEY

SUBJECT: ENCLOSES A COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY  
THE INDEPENDENT-REPUBLICAN CAUCUS, MINNESOTA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SUPPORTING THE  
PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED ECONOMIC PLAN

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**Terry M. Dempsey**  
State Representative  
House Minority Leader

District 23A  
Brown, Cottonwood and  
Redwood Counties



# Minnesota House of Representatives

*Handwritten note:*  
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March 9, 1992

The Honorable George Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear President Bush:

It is my pleasure to announce that the Independent-Republican  
Caucus of the Minnesota House of Representatives unanimously  
approved the enclosed resolution in support of your economic plan.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Terry M. Dempsey in cursive script.

Terry M. Dempsey  
House Minority Leader

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RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING PRESIDENT BUSH'S ECONOMIC PLAN

WHEREAS the citizens of the United States look to the President and Congress to work together to ensure our nation's prosperity and economic health; and

WHEREAS the President proposed in his State of the Union Address a substantive and far-reaching economic growth program for the United States, advancing both short-term and long-term initiatives to help the economy and create jobs; and

WHEREAS these proposals include increasing the personal exemption by \$500 per child; providing a 15% investment tax allowance; providing a \$5,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers; reducing the capital gains tax; establishing alternative minimum tax enhancement and simplification; easing passive loss restrictions on real estate developers; waiving penalties on IRA withdrawals for first-time home buyers and allowing penalty-free withdrawals from all pension and equity funds in order to encourage real estate investment; and

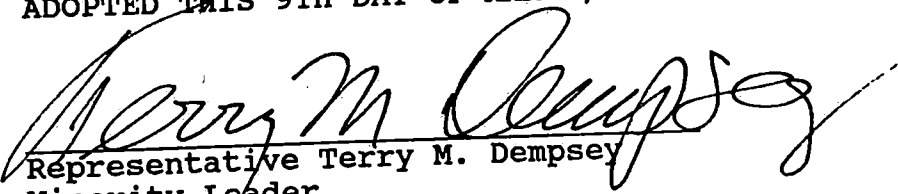
WHEREAS President Bush's plan for American economic growth adheres to the budget agreement; reduces taxes; cuts defense by a substantial, yet reasonable, amount and controls spending; and

WHEREAS President Bush called upon Congress to temporarily put aside partisan political differences to enact this sound, much-needed economic growth program by March 20th: Therefore, be it

*RESOLVED*, That the Independent-Republican Caucus of the Minnesota House of Representatives does unanimously express support for President Bush's economic plan and urges Congress to approve it by the March 20 date; and be it

*RESOLVED* further, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, House Speaker Thomas Foley, President Bush and members of the Minnesota Congressional Delegation.

ADOPTED THIS 9TH DAY OF MARCH, 1992

  
Representative Terry M. Dempsey  
Minority Leader  
Minnesota House of Representatives

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 13, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE WILLIAM R. BRYANT JR.

SUBJECT: VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE ECONOMY  
AND THE PRESIDENT'S DOMESTIC PROGRAM

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT  
WILLIAM R. BRYANT, JR.  
MINORITY LEADER EMERITUS

STATE CAPITOL  
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48913  
(517) 373-0154

March 12, 1992

AN OPEN LETTER TO:  
President George H. W. Bush  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20015

Dear Mr. President:

I know you care, because I know you. I know you are more comfortable making decisions about foreign policy than domestic program. Foreign policy is your high expertise, and domestic policies and programs are less clear in their goals or their probable benefits, or in the effect you could have on them by your actions.

The economy is a good example. I don't blame you for not wanting to let go, last fall, of the idea the recession was ending. It should have ended. The psychology was right, for you to be as optimistic as possible to try to spur business and consumer spending and, thus, to end the recession.

But our economic woes are deeper than just this recession dragging on. They involve our will to save and to invest in ourselves and our support of co-workers by our purchase of their products and their purchase of ours.

We need to remember we are deserving of our support of and investment in each other. And we need you to call us home to that realization, to that remembering.

Call us to task for not investing and buying American. Remind us that we don't want to lose even our basic industries, like the steel and automobile industries, and that we don't have to lose more and more manufacturing, that our technology is still unmatched, that our workers are still harder working and more dependable than any others.

Call on us to refuse to buy goods from nations who won't engage in fair trade with us. Tell us there can be no free trade without fair trade. And if any nation gets angry at us for that and their banks cause us financial trouble, so be it. Let us find out who our real friends are. It will be better to know now than later.

President George Bush

March 12, 1992

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Call on us to trade and international agreements that will protect the essential environment of Earth. Agree to the freeze on carbon dioxide emissions. Insist that the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade must be made to allow nations to protect vital world resources such as rain forests and species such as dolphins. And insist on loan and debt repayment policies that protect the indigenous people. People must not be forced off their land.

Call on us to limit virtually all our foreign aid to food. Support the family farm and farm supports that will let our farmers feed the world and make a decent living doing it.

Call on us to recommit ourselves to entrepreneurship and to democratic ideals, including in our work places, and in our schools, and in our nation's capital.

Demand of Congress that they submit a Constitutional Amendment to give Presidents the ability to line item veto spending. The people can and will no longer stand for the kind of pork barrel spending for which Congress is so infamous.

Democracy is on the move in the world. You have played a vital role in the dissolving of the communist regimes of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. It is a miracle. It is wonderful. World War II is finally over, in Europe. We worked hard and sacrificed and have earned a peace dividend. And we need to take that peace dividend. Yes, it means we'll be in deficit. We'll be there anyway. We need to take a peace dividend -- and we need to spend at least half of it on ourselves.

Reduce the defense budget by \$28 Billion, 10 percent and use \$14 Billion for health care and \$14 Billion for education. And turn defense spending more toward basic research, where it will pay dividends, later, in high technology.

Use the \$14 Billion in health care to pay for tax credits and for AIDS research and for a form of direct insurance coverage for all pregnant women and young children. Get our children to school healthy.

In education, let the federal aid pay for what will really help. Let it make incentive grants to schools which are increasing graded homework, increasing volunteers, increasing parent school visitation, increasing attendance and increasing the socioeconomic mix in the classroom.

President George Bush  
March 12, 1992  
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To inspire the children and the adults of the world challenge the world to cooperatively travel to the planet Mars by the year 2020. Challenge the world to a world space station. Challenge the world to a world colony on the moon.

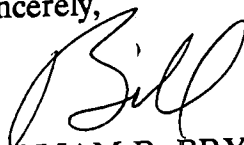
Now is not the time for the go-it-alone individual or for the go-it-alone nation. Now is the time for the individual in community, and for the nation in community.

Challenge us, call us to be what you know you want us to be and can be. Challenge us to go beyond where we have been. Challenge us to a future that will provide a better quality of life for our children and grandchildren, beyond what our parents or we have had, to better health, to better schools, to a wonderfully diverse society, and to greater opportunity in an economy which is a world economy and yet one in which we look first to ourselves and to our friends and neighbors to provide what we need.

Lead us! Lead us not to pain, but to progress. Lead us not to callousness, but to community. Lead us not to excess, but to excellence. Lead us not to futility, but to a bold and bright future. That bright future is ours for the taking.

Let your caring show. Talk with us when you're not sure what to do. Share your thoughts with us. Be what you want to be, the President of all of us, not divided, without special or regional interest. Lead us, Mr. President! We elected you because we trust you. We still trust you, and we want to see you be, even more, what you are, our leader.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM R. BRYANT, JR.  
Republican Leader Emeritus

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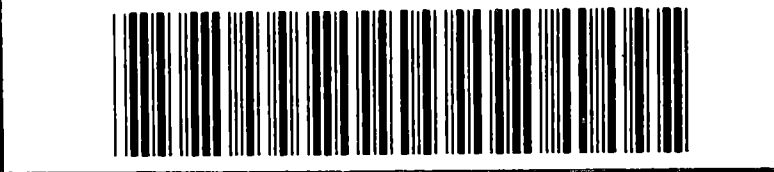
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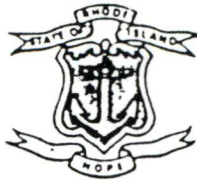
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SUPPORTING PRESIDENT'S ECONOMIC PLAN

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WHEREAS, President Bush called upon Congress to temporarily put aside partisan political differences to enact this sound, much-needed economic growth program by March 20th; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Rhode Island Senate Minority caucus does unanimously express support for President Bush's economic plan and urge Congress to approve it by the March 20 date; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to United States Majority Leader George Mitchell, House Speaker Thomas Foley, President Bush and members of the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation.

*Albert J. Russo*  
Albert J. Russo

*Thomas H. Hanson*  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 13, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE GEORGE S. MICKELSON

SUBJECT: CONCERN THAT THE EPA'S INTERPRETATIONS OF THE  
CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS WILL CREATE SERIOUS  
OBSTACLES FOR THE FUTURE EXPANDED ROLE OF  
ETHANOL IN THE REFORMULATED GASOLINE PROGRAM

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
STATE CAPITOL, 500 EAST CAPITOL  
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA  
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GEORGE S. MICKELSON  
GOVERNOR

March 10, 1992

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500-0002

Dear Mr. President:

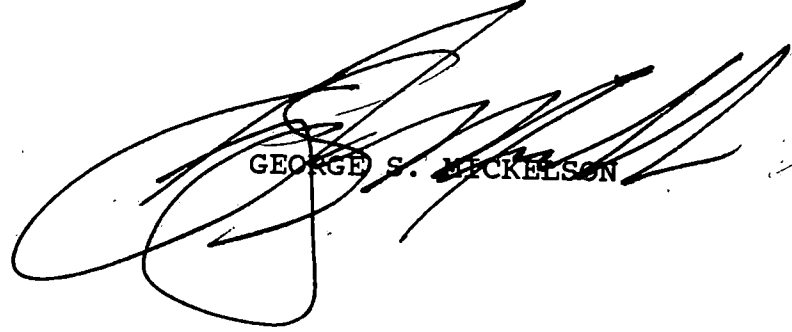
I am writing to share my concern regarding the recent Environmental Protection Agency's interpretation of the Clean Air Act amendments. I believe that, if left unchallenged, the EPA's interpretation of these amendments will create serious obstacles for the future expanded role of ethanol in the reformulated gasoline program.

As you are aware, the Clean Air Act amendments require the EPA to promulgate regulations limiting the volatility of gasoline in ozone nonattainment areas and to provide for a one-pound volatility tolerance for ethanol blends. It is my understanding EPA is interpreting the law as passed to mean the one-pound volatility tolerance for ethanol blends in ozone nonattainment areas in subsection 211 (h) does not apply in areas that are either required to use or opt-in to the reformulated gasoline program as provided in subsection 211 (k).

I believe the ethanol industry can contribute in a positive way in helping to protect the environment, increase farm income, decrease farm program costs and help reduce our dependence on imported foreign oil, but not without your help.

South Dakota is one of the states being considered for a major corn wet milling operation. I am concerned the decision to proceed with those plans will be delayed until this issue is resolved. It is critical for the future of the ethanol industry that the ethanol option be preserved. Any assistance you can provide will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



GEORGE S. MICKELSON

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 11, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JIM EDGAR

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE USE OF ETHANOL BLENDED  
FUELS IN OZONE NONATTAINMENT AREAS NOT BE  
SHUT OUT BY EPA GUIDELINES AND THAT THE  
GUIDELINES FOR OXYGENATED FUELS BE EXPEDITED

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
SPRINGFIELD 62706

JIM EDGAR  
GOVERNOR

March 9, 1992

The Honorable George Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to respectfully request that the use of ethanol blended fuels in ozone nonattainment areas not be precluded by USEPA guidelines and that the guidelines for oxygenated fuels be expedited. Specifically, I request USEPA to extend the one pound volatility exemption for ethanol blended fuels to reformulated gasoline, thereby retaining ethanol as an option for achieving ozone reductions.

Failure to do so threatens both the viability of the Illinois ethanol industry and the continued growth of the agricultural economy of Illinois. Illinois produces over one-half of the nation's ethanol and uses more ethanol than any other state. The continued growth of the domestic ethanol industry is vital to this state and its economy. Fully 17 percent of the state's corn crop goes to ethanol production in the state. Loss of this market could be devastating to Illinois farmers.

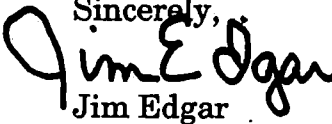
Since the passage of the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA), our expectations that ethanol would play a significant role in the cleanup of our nation's air have been frustrated. First, the guidelines have not been promulgated. Second, I understand that USEPA is interpreting the law to mean that the existing one pound volatility exemption for ethanol blends does not apply to reformulated gasoline. This interpretation runs counter to Congressional intent. The original exemption was provided in the CAAA because Congress recognized that mandating ethanol blends to meet the volatility standard would require the production of a lower volatility fuel for blending with ethanol and this would be cost prohibitive.

President George Bush  
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Ethanol has already proven its worth to the environment by reducing carbon monoxide levels by 25 percent in cities such as Denver and Phoenix where it was used as an oxygenate. Further research is underway in the Lake Michigan airshed, including Chicago, to substantiate ethanol's benefits in reducing ozone. The emissions from ethanol are less reactive than most of the components in gasoline, and there is substantial reason to believe that the reduction in carbon monoxide attributable to ethanol blended gasoline will help reduce ozone.

National policy must not close the door on ethanol before these studies are complete. To do so would eliminate a renewable, domestically produced, clean transportation fuel. The nation's two largest ethanol producers are located in Illinois. This debate in Washington has created an uncertainty about the future of ethanol in U.S. energy policy and has caused these two Illinois corporations to postpone expansion plans.

I hope you will take action to support the continued growth and well-being of the ethanol industry and the agricultural economy of Illinois. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
Jim Edgar  
GOVERNOR

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 10, 1992

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE TOMMY G. THOMPSON

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S USE OF THE  
PARTIAL VETO AUTHORITY

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TOMMY G. THOMPSON

Governor  
State of Wisconsin

*Handwritten: D. Bush*  
March 2, 1992

The President  
White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

Congratulations on your recent decision to partially veto an act of Congress. Use of a strong partial veto would be a priceless tool in sound fiscal management at the federal level, as it has been at the state level.

Here in Wisconsin, I have used my partial veto authority to eliminate \$140 million in unnecessary general fund spending, and \$603 million of tax increases since I became Governor in 1987. Keeping state taxes low and spending reasonable has helped Wisconsin's economy grow into one of the healthiest in the nation. I believe the partial veto at the federal level will yield similar rewards for the entire nation.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your foresight and leadership in this important area.

Sincerely,

*Handwritten signature of Tommy G. Thompson*  
TOMMY G. THOMPSON  
Governor

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