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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 2, 1993

Dr. Paul Oursler
1801 7th Street, N.E.
Rochester, MN 55906

Dear Dr. Oursler:

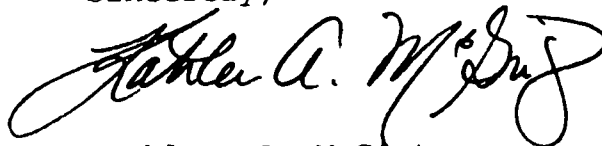
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President Clinton and I are committed to the preservation of the environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. The President and I believe that the Forest Conference was a significant step toward the resolution of the problems facing the Pacific Northwest. After the conference, three working groups were established to work on developing a Forest Management Plan. These working groups included a team working on ecosystem management assessment, a team focusing on labor and community assistance, and a team working to improve the relationships among federal and state agencies in the region and to eliminate impediments that block coordinated action.

As you know, President Clinton recently announced his Forest Plan for a Sustainable Economy and a Sustainable Environment, based on the analytical work of the three working groups. I believe that the Forest Plan is scientifically-sound and legally responsible and will provide a sustainable harvest. This plan also includes a new economic assistance program that helps local workers, businesses and communities in strengthening the region's economy by creating family-wage jobs, offering new economic opportunities, and ensuring the region's long-term economic health.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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President Bill Clinton
c/o Katie McGinty
Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Bldg., Rm 358
Washington, DC 20501

Dear President Clinton and Ms. McGinty,

I write with my concern about several forest and environmental issues before the government. First, I wish to express strong support for the renewal of the Endangered Species Act and for enforcement of its provisions. Clearly this involves creation of a permanent Ancient Forest Reserve System and the restriction of logging of these forests below the billion board foot level: the so-called "Option 9" needs to be dropped.

I would make several other brief points as well:

1. As our population increases, America needs more protected wild places. Eventually, everything not protected will be over-developed. More areas should be set aside for preservation and recreation.
2. Many Americans are unaware that those "green areas on the map" are subject to clearcuts and are roaded for the lumber companies at public expense. The government should make better know what is happening to much of our public lands.
3. The consequences of the destruction of the massive equatorial rain forests to the South may be severe. Central and South American countries are highly unlikely to listen to our advice when we can not even save the last few percent of our own Ancient Forests.

Obviously, you know all of this. Let me simply add my voice to the political will to do what is right.

Sincerely,



D. Paul Oursler, M.D.

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September 2, 1993

Mr. David Olson
306 W. Center
Cambridge, IL 61238

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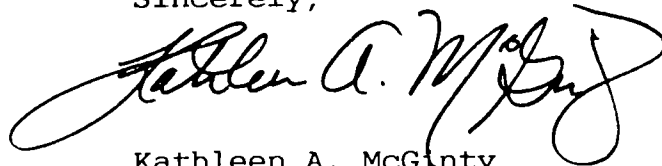
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Dear Kathleen McGinty,

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I am writing to you to ask that you give top priority to the protection of our last remaining ancient forests.

Please do everything in your power to save these trees, not just patches here and there but the ecosystems.

This country has lost too much of its natural resources, lets not lose its ancient forests as well.

Sincerely

David P. Olson

DAVID OLSON
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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September 7, 1993

Mr. Bob Olson
Treasurer
Independent Union of Paper
Mill Workers
1007 N.W. 4th Street
P.O. Box 306
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Dear Mr. Olson:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your interest in the Executive Order on Recycled Goods.

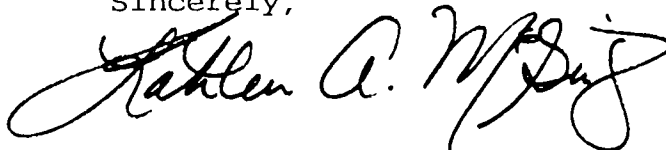
President Clinton and I are committed to the protection our nation's environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. Recycling continues to be one of our highest priorities.

This Executive Order will require federal agencies to begin procuring printing and writing paper containing postconsumer material. The purpose of this policy, among other things, is to provide an incentive for pulp and paper mills to use recovered materials, not just virgin materials, to make paper. This will provide markets for paper recovered from the municipal solid waste stream and ultimately result in substantially lower prices for recycled papers containing recovered materials.

I certainly appreciate learning your concerns about the implementation of this Executive Order. I believe that the Executive Order will adequately address the need for increased use and procurement of recycled and recovered materials.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

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August 20, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to President
Director of White House Environmental Policy
Room 310 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing concerning a proposed Executive Order on federal procurement of recycled paper. I understand that the order will require federal agencies to purchase paper that contains at least 15% post-consumer material, rising to 25% by the year 2000, with some papers having an additional requirement of 50% total recycled content. I also understand that the order will require the purchase of chlorine-free paper.

I support efforts to increase the purchase of recycled paper by the federal government. I believe the EPA guidelines established attainable goals which helped stimulate investment in recycling technology and equipment.

However, I am concerned that the standards in the proposed executive order may be unrealistically high for the basic printing and writing papers, some of which are produced by the company for which I work. As a consequence, companies like Blandin Paper may be seriously affected and our jobs jeopardized.

I also question the inclusion of a chlorine-free requirement. Such a requirement has nothing to do with recycled content, and in fact may be at cross-purposes with recycling. It would be extremely difficult for companies to test all post consumer waste for chlorine content when we are getting in many tons of newsprint, cardboard, office paper, etc., for use in recycled papers.

As an official of the Wood Fibers Committee and an officer of the Independent Union of Paper Mill Workers, I ask you to recommend to the President that he not sign this executive order.

Sincerely,

Bob Olson, Treasurer

Independent Union of Paper Mill Workers

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 22, 1993

Mr. Matt Olsson
R.R. 1, Box 120B
Parkers Prairies, MN 56361

Dear Mr. Olsson:

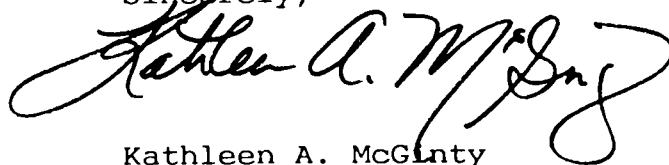
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Matt Olsson
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Parkers Prairie
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Dear Ms. McGinty:
The enclosed is offered for
your immediate action.
Thank you!

Matt Olsson

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 23, 1993

The Honorable James Oberstar
U.S. House of Representative
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Oberstar:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your continued interest and involvement in the Executive Order on Recycled Goods. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, President Clinton and I are committed to the protection our nation's environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. Recycling continues to be one of our highest priorities.

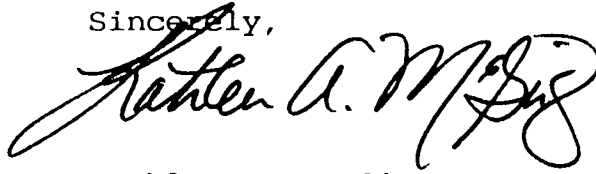
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The Federal Government is the nation's largest customer of products and services. Harnessing this market to entice investments in "green" business practices and technologies is the main focus of the Executive Order. This Executive Order will strengthen the previous Federal Agency Recycling Order of October 1991 by requiring a revision of procurement guidelines for recycled products, establishing new content standards for recycled printing and writing paper, and encouraging federal agencies to set procurement goals for recycled products.

I certainly appreciate learning your concerns about the implementation of this Executive Order, specifically with regard to postconsumer content standards and the paper bleaching process. I believe that the Executive Order will adequately address the need for increased use and procurement of recycled and recovered materials.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

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Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Director of White House Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building Room 310
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing to express my strong reservations about a proposed Executive Order promulgating from the Office of Environmental Policy in the White House.

The Executive Order may establish unreasonable requirements for paper which is procured by the Federal Government. The Order may have a devastating effect on the pulp and paper industries across the nation, even in States, like Minnesota, which lead the country in producing partly-recycled paper which has a high content of post-consumer waste paper, and are equipped with state-of-the-art technology.

On October 5, I am hoping to attend the dedication ceremony of a \$76 million world-class paper recycling plant, Superior Recycled Fiber Industries. This facility, located in Duluth, may be able to produce paper that includes 11 percent of post-consumer waste paper, not 15 percent, as the Order may require.

The implications of forcing pulp and papers companies to spend billions of dollars to switch to "totally chlorine-free" technologies may be disastrous. Congress has established public rulemaking procedures and substantive criteria to be followed when regulatory programs are developed. The draft Order is inconsistent with this approach, and would undercut ongoing efforts of EPA's "cluster" initiative to set emissions and effluent limitations at pulp and paper mills under the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts.

Please allow Congress the freedom to establish environmental requirements through legislation, not through Presidential Executive Orders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


James L. Oberstar, M.C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1993

Baile Oakes
P.O. Box 203
Westport, CA 95488

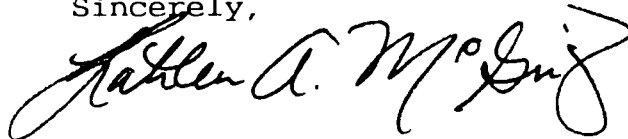
Dear Baile:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your efforts to promote public awareness about today's difficult environmental challenges. It was good to hear from you, and I apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to the preservation of the environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. I certainly appreciate learning about your work in this arena and the wonderful slides you enclosed. I am forwarding a copy of your information, as well as your slides, to the Smithsonian for their review and response to your specific request with regard to funding.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

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August 5, 1993

Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the Vice-President
Director of White House Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

Thank you for taking the time to review this letter. My hope is that you will have the time to review the other enclosed information regarding an educational project which demonstrates how we can use the visual arts to incorporate into our infrastructure ever-present reminders of our vital relationship within the living systems of our planet. If you find worth in this project, I would very much appreciate it if you could ask Vice-President Gore if he would have the time to become acquainted also with this project.

I would like to know if he would like to write a letter of recommendation for this work or, possibly, a short foreword for the book. I am aware that an excerpt from Vice-President Gore's book, Earth in the Balance, has been used as a short foreword for another ecological art catalogue. I almost did not write to you because of this fact. However, Tom Van Sant, an artist whose work will be featured in this project, encouraged me to be in contact with your office.

If you can take the time to review the enclosed material, you will find that this educational project is much more extensive and far reaching in both the material that is covered in the project and the audience that it intends to reach.

I had thought of contacting Vice-President Gore well before he was nominated for his present office because of my respect for his past work for the environment. However, by the time I felt ready to present him with the information, he was nominated and I decided to wait until things settled down a little bit so that letter like this might have a chance to be reviewed.

box 203 westport, california 95488 usa phone 707.964.7721 fax 707.964.8258

I have been working on these projects because of my deep seated beliefs and because I know that we all, no matter what our walk of life, need to do every thing that we can at the present time to help bring our civilization into balance with the rest of the biosphere. We are visual animals and since I am a visual artist, this project was a natural outgrowth of my concerns and how these concerns relate to my career.

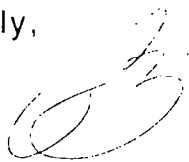
I am working through a non-profit institution, the International Sculpture Center and have designed this project to reach the maximum amount of people for the minimum amount of cash investment. I stretch my time to do as much as I can on a personal level, but I do not have the money to self fund the entire project. I have applied to the NEA to help with the book and Arts America, USIA, to try to find a way for the information to tour overseas. These requests were not granted.

I do not know if your office can be of any help as far as suggestions as to other funding sources that I or the ISC might be able to contact regarding the little funding that we need. I am very much a novice when it comes to politics and I do not know if my requests are appropriate. However, I did not feel that it would be of any harm to ask.

The bottom line is that, if you take the time to look at this material, I would have achieved a little more networking along the way. You never know where communications might lead.

Thank you for all the good work that you are doing with your time on this planet.

Respectfully,

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Baile Oakes

PS If you do have the time to review the slides, please note that they only represent a portion of the public works that will be covered in the project.