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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 2, 1993

Mr. Van Perdue
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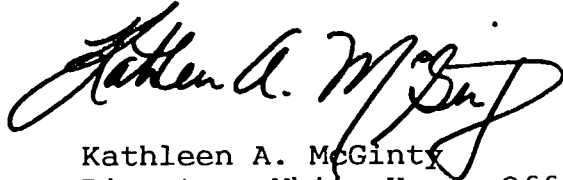
Dear Mr. Perdue:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the proposed change in the U.S. Forest Service administrative appeals regulation. It was good to hear from you, and I apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment. In response to overwhelming interest on this issue, the Forest Service extended the public comment period on the administrative appeals process to last 45 days. I appreciate learning your thoughts about this matter.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen A. McGinty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "M" and "G".

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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Please support withdrawal of proposed changes
in U.S.D.A. Forest Service regulations that would hinder
citizen participation in timber sale decisions.

My specific objections to the proposals are:

1. USFS has no authorization (nor should it) to
declare an emergency exempting sales from public
review. Similar outlawry by the Forest Service and
National Park Service lead to "emergency" logging
of hundreds of thousands of board feet inside
Olympic National Park in the 1950s.
2. No sale should go forward until all appeals have
been decided and the appellants notified.
3. Appeals periods must not be reduced.
4. The proposed rule sidesteps the specific legal
requirement that USFS notify everyone who has
asked to be notified about pending timber sales.
5. The proposal does not provide for second-level review
of timber sale appeals.

Sincerely,
Will
VAN PERDUE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 5, 1993

Mr. Peter Vlahos
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National Wooden Pallet and Container Association
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Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Mr. Vlahos:

Thank you for contacting our office regarding your thoughts about the Executive Order for Recycled Goods. It was good to hear from you, and I appreciate the National Wooden Pallet and Container Association's concerns regarding the Executive Order.

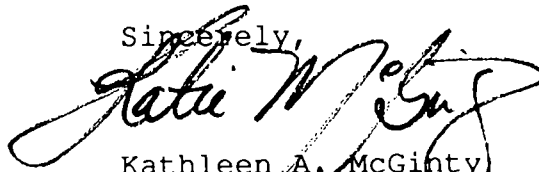
I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to preserving our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. Recycling is one of our top priorities.

As you know, through the hard work and initiative of many community and industry leaders, recycling has become almost routine to many people. To really make recycling a success, further outreach is needed to encourage both the supply and demand for recycled products. To that end, the President announced in his Earth Day speech his intention to sign an Executive Order on recycled goods.

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 can assure you that no mention of plastic or wooden pallets will be made in the Executive Order.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



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

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