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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 12, 1993

Ms. Ruby Velosa
1931 Viking Drive, N.W.
Rochester, MN 55901

Dear Ms. Velosa:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding President Clinton's Forest Management Plan. It was good to hear from you.

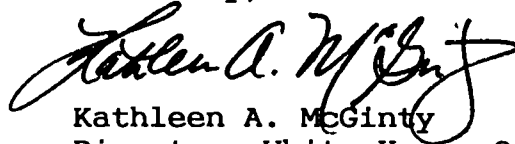
The President, the Vice President and I are committed to the preservation of the environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. We believe that the Forest Conference was a significant step toward the resolution of the problems facing the Pacific Northwest.

As you know, President Clinton recently announced his Forest Plan for a Sustainable Economy and a Sustainable Environment, based on the analytical work of three working groups established at the Forest Conference. This Administration believes 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.

I certainly appreciate learning your views about this very important matter. We continue to seek a Forest Plan that is scientifically-sound and legally responsible and will provide a sustainable harvest, and we are currently soliciting advice and comments on possible improvements to the proposed plan.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,



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

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Ruby Velosa
1911 Viking Dr. NW
Rochester, MN. 55901

Ms. Katie McGinty
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360, Old Executive Office
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Oct. 25th. 1993

Dear Ms. McGinty:

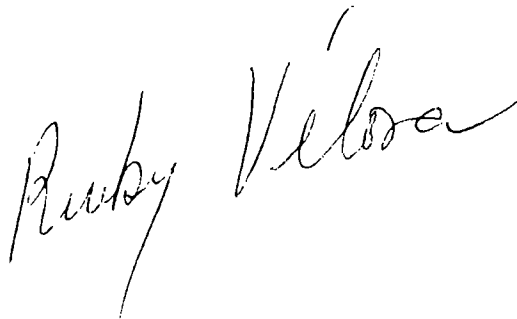
I am deeply concerned about the future of our ancient forests. Do they have a future? Will they remain our "ancient" forests to be enjoyed for all future generations? There is a strong connection between our past and our future in history, world affairs, and the environment. It is alarming that only 10 percent of our ancient forests remain today. We cannot continue to destroy our past.

I urge you to work on a revisionary plan to Option Nine. The final plan should provide for the elimination of all logging in the ancient forest reserves. We must leave the natural and essential elements of ancient forest ecosystems intact. This includes protection for roadless areas and reduction of experimental forestry. National forests belong to all the people and should not be subject to the lobbying of local residents.

Fisheries, fish habitats and all species associated with the ancient forests need our protection. The Scientific Advisory Team report outlines streamside buffer zones to protect fish and water quality.

Thank you for your attention and support of this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruby Velosa". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Ruby Velosa" in the header.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1993

Ms. Elsbeth Van Tongeren
249 Indian Trail
Chapel Hill, NC 27514-1927

Dear Ms. Van Tongeren:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your thoughts about the Executive Order on Recycled Goods.

As you know, the President recently signed the Executive Order on Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention. This Executive Order is the outcome of much hard work and consultation with industry and labor representatives, the environmental community, and consumer groups, as well as congressional and agency staff members.

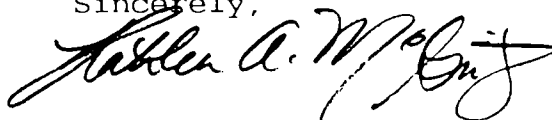
The Order will reduce solid waste, build markets for recycled products, encourage new technologies and protect the environment. This Executive Order requires all Federal purchases of printing and writing paper to contain 20 percent post-consumer material by the end of 1994, and 30 percent by the end of 1998. In addition, in order to further reduce the burden on landfills, paper made with 50 percent recovered by-products from the production of goods other than paper or textiles may be purchased, provided that this waste would otherwise end up in a landfill, as determined by the State.

And, the order directs the General Services Administration to revise paper specifications to allow agencies to purchase paper made with processes that minimize emissions of harmful by-products, including chlorinated compounds. According to some studies, these by-products can cause environmental damage including an increased risk of cancer.

In addition, this Executive Order requires agencies to make up any price increase by cutting waste and using less paper. We believe that this initiative will achieve the desired results of spurring recycling efforts and promoting a healthy environment.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,

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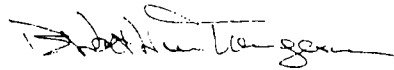
Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

10/22/95

Dear Mrs. McGinty

I am very much concerned that the President of the U.S. will adopt the Nat. Recycling Coalition standard of 50% total recycled content and 15% postconsumer for uncoated printing and writing paper for use by the federal government. The paper industry lobby has far too much influence on our recycling efforts for the worse, and I am ashamed that the U.S. is not a leader in recycling world wide. Please change our image!

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1993

Ms. Estelle H. Voeller
P.O. Box 495
Gold Hill, OR 97525

Dear Ms. Voeller:

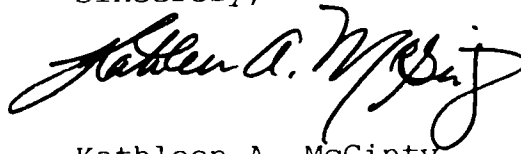
Thank you for your recent letter regarding your thoughts about the proposed legislation H.R. 1627 on pesticide regulation.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to preserving our environment. The Environmental Protection Agency recently announced a proposal for comprehensive reforms of the nation's pesticide and food safety laws. This is a result of a joint study of the EPA, the USDA, and the FDA to update the existing laws of 20 years ago. It calls for a stricter standard of a "reasonable certainty of no harm" for food safety across the boards, including specific provisions not only to protect infants and children, but also to achieve a reduction in the overall use of pesticides in the United States. We feel these actions are a significant step towards a safer food supply.

I certainly appreciate learning your views with regard to H.R. 1627. Rest assured that this Administration will continue its efforts to protect the health of our nation's people and the integrity of our food supply.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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Sept. 8, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Director of White House Office
of Environmental Policy
Old Exec. Office Bldg., Room 286
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am very concerned about the safety of the food supply. I am writing to urge you to strengthen, not relax, U.S. food safety standards for cancer-causing pesticide residues in food. Sound public health policy requires a focus on cancer prevention.

The law needs to provide strict health protection from carcinogenic pesticide residues on all foods, both raw and processed. Our society has more to gain from rejecting cancer-causing pesticides than accepting the consequences of their use. You must help ensure that Congress, EPA, FDA, and USDA work together to phase out food uses of carcinogenic pesticides.

Stricter food standards will provide incentives to reduce agricultural chemical use, resulting in reduced exposure and risks to all of us. I urge you to redirect existing federal agricultural research and information dissemination to help farmers make the transition to reduced reliance on pesticide use. Our nation's goal should be to reduce the use of all pesticides to the lowest possible levels.

Please inform me of your position on these important pesticide policy and food safety issues. Sincerely,

Barbara H. Koller

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1993

The Honorable Mitchell Van Yahres
House of Delegates
Commonwealth of Virginia
Richmond, Virginia

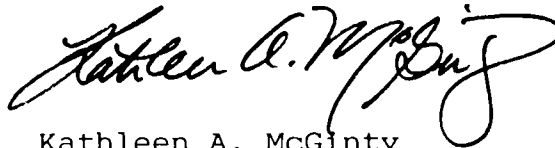
Dear Delegate Van Yahres:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the Thomas Jefferson Study to Preserve and Access the Regional Environment (TJSPARE). It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. I certainly appreciate your bringing the TJSPARE to my attention, and I share your enthusiasm for future progress in sustainable planning. The Administration supports new and innovative approaches to today's pressing environmental challenges. The member of my staff currently working on sustainable development issues is Mr. Keith Laughlin. Please feel free to contact Mr. Laughlin with any developments in this arena.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

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

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MITCHELL VAN YAHRES
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FIFTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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October 6, 1993

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Ms. Katie McGinty
Special Assistant to the President
for the Environment
The White House

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Scheduling conflicts do not permit me to attend this very important meeting, so I am writing to let you know of my unequivocal support for the Thomas Jefferson Study to Preserve and Access the Regional Environment (TJSPARE).

This project has the potential of affecting the course of the Charlottesville region by providing citizens and planners with the hard data necessary to plot a sustainable future.

As a long-term resident and thirteen-year veteran of the Virginia General Assembly, I can attest to the changes that rapid growth without proper planning can have on a community. I also realize that economic development is crucial to a prosperous future. TJSPARE is a model of integration of economic and environmental needs in a rural urbanizing region.

I think this project is worthy of administration support because of the potential of replicating the success here in regions throughout the country.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mitchell Van Yahres".

Mitchell Van Yahres

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1993

Ms. Cindy Vallina
Office of Management and Budget
Office of Federal Procurement Policy
9013 New Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. *Cindy* Vallina:

I would like to thank you for your assistance on the Executive Order on Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention. President Clinton and I believe that this initiative will achieve the desired results of spurring recycling efforts and promoting a healthy environment, and I know that your efforts were invaluable to our success.

As you know, the Order will reduce solid waste, build markets for recycled products, encourage new technologies and protect the environment. I certainly appreciate all of your hard work that went into the development of this important initiative.

Again, thanks for your dedication to this effort. I look forward to working with you as we move toward implementation.

Sincerely,



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

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 1, 1993

Mr. Eric Vaughn
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Washington, D.C. 20001

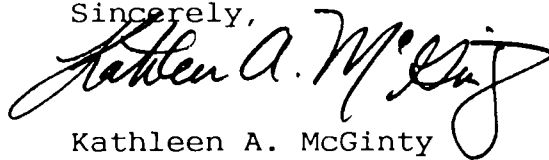
Dear Mr. Vaughn:

Thank you for contacting Mr. Bill Galston regarding your thoughts about the use of ethanol in reformulated gasoline under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Mr. Galston passed along a copy of your letter to me for response.

The preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth continues to be one of this Administration's highest priorities. Vice President Gore and I support the study and development of alternative fuels that are consistent with our economic and environmental goals. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently studying policy options with regard to the use of ethanol in the proposed reformulated gasoline rule under the Clean Air Act of 1990. The EPA is carefully reviewing the study released by the Council of Great Lakes Governors, and I await their findings.

I appreciate learning your concerns about the listing of ethanol under the Clean Air Act.

Sincerely,

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1993

Eric Vaughn
President, Chief Executive Officer
Renewable Fuels Association
One Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Suite 820
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your letter of September 15 in which you outline the importance of ethanol in the reformulated gasoline program of the Clear Air Act. Clearly, there is a broad base of Congressional and domestic support for ethanol in the new fuels market--especially if it can reduce emissions and improve our overall national air quality.

As you noted in your letter, since my responsibilities do not extend into this area, I have forwarded your materials to Kathleen McGinty, Deputy Assistant to the President for Environmental Policy. I agree with you that we should address and resolve this matter.

Let's stay in touch.

All the best,

Bill

William A. Galston
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy

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Eric Vaughn

President/Chief Executive Officer

September 15, 1993

Mr. William Galston
Domestic Policy Advisor
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Bill:

While I understand your current responsibilities do not directly effect agricultural, energy or environmental policy, I believe your experience with synergistic policy making could be helpful in breaking a nearly two-year regulatory logjam on an issue regarding ethanol and the reformulated gasoline program required by the Clean Air Act.

As you may know, a debate regarding ethanol's role in reformulated gasoline has been raging for almost two years. The stakes could not be higher for the domestic ethanol industry, major farm organizations and independent gasoline marketers. The reformulated gasoline market is expected to dominate 50% of the nation's gasoline marketing by the end of the decade. If ethanol is precluded from use in this market ethanol production facilities will most certainly shut down, jobs will be lost and expanding markets for surplus grain production ground to a halt. Conversely, if this issue is successfully resolved, expansion in the ethanol industry will fuel significant economic development activity all across the country.

Bill the environmental issue is complicated, but the bottom line is air quality will be improved if ethanol is allowed to be used in the RFG program. That is the conclusion of the Council of Great Lakes Governors recently completed, comprehensive analysis of the ozone impact from the use of 10-percent ethanol blends. The Council's report stated that there is virtually no difference in ozone formation when either ethanol or MTBE is added to the same RFG blendstock. Moreover, because it is produced from renewable agricultural feedstocks, ethanol is the only motor fuel additive that can help reduce greenhouse gases.

More than 140 Members of Congress, numerous Governors, Mayors, and thousands of farmers across the country have written President Clinton on this issue seeking his support for a reformulated gasoline program that recognizes ethanol's environmental benefits and allows ethanol to compete in this important new fuels market.

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To date, the only response from the White House has been the following statement from the President:

"I've been a strong supporter of ethanol and have in the campaign advocated that the EPA and the OMB be responsive to the farmers on that issue. So, I intend to continue to support it and to do what I can to be helpful."

WHO Radio at Fordham University - 5/12/93

I would sincerely appreciate your willingness to review the attached materials and if possible request the appropriate White House officials to commit the resources necessary to resolve this important issue. Anything you can do to bring some positive attention to this issue would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please don't hesitate to call me directly.

Sincerely,

Eric Vaughn

Attachments

Bill,
I hope all is well
with you - I also hope
you can find some way
the Clinton Administration
can resolve this issue
in a balanced fashion.
Eric

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 2, 1993

Ms. Donna Lee Van Cott
Inter-American Dialogue
11 Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 502
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Van Cott:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your June briefing on U.S. Foreign Policy and the World's Indigenous Peoples. 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 receiving a copy of the briefing book.

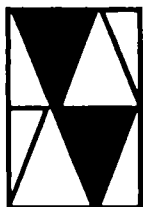
Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

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

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June 22, 1993

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
360 Old Executive Office Building
17th and Pennsylvania
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I'm sorry you were not able to join us for last week's briefing on U.S. Foreign Policy and the World's Indigenous Peoples. I am enclosing a copy of the briefing book that was prepared for the session in the hope that it might prove useful as a reference on the subject. There are several interesting articles towards the end of the book on the environment.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Donna Lee Van Cott
Associate

Enclosure