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July 6, 1993

The Honorable James C. Rosapepe
House of Delegates
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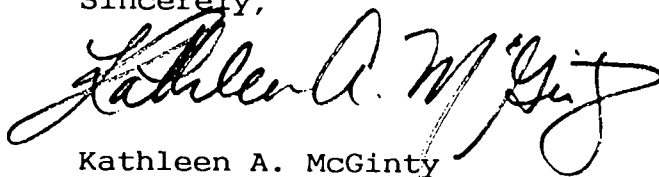
Dear Mr. Rosapepe:

Thank you for your letter and the information compiled by the Center for Global Change regarding the impact of an energy tax on the competitiveness of U.S. industries. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to the preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. The President and I continue to support a broad based energy tax, which we believe will foster energy conservation and decrease our nation's dangerous dependence on foreign oil. Your information is helpful in this regard.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen A. McGinty', written in a cursive style.

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
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HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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JAMES C. ROSAPEPE

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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June 18, 1993

Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of
Environmental Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

As the tax bill moves forward into the conference committee, I thought the attached study by the Center for Global Change at the University of Maryland at College Park (in my district!) might be helpful to the Administration's efforts. It provides very solid ammunition to defend the President's energy tax proposals, regardless of the form they take.

Frank Muller and his colleagues have provided great assistance to me on state energy tax issues, so I have great confidence in their work. Hope it's helpful.

Good luck.

Best Wishes,

James C. Rosapepe

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enclosure

cc: Frank Muller

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 12, 1993

Mr. and Ms. Felix Raymond
504 Palmer Road
Conshohocken, PA 19428

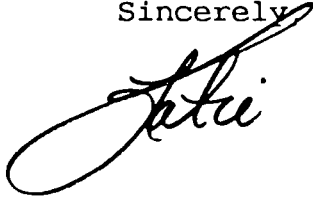
Dear Mr. and Ms. Raymond:

Thank you so much for the note of congratulations and the lovely plant you sent earlier this year. Please pardon me if I have already dropped you a note. I had meant to do so, but I could not remember if I had, so I thought I'd go ahead and drop a line now. (I know -- what a shame -- senility at such a young age!) Anyway, the plant is still thriving, and seeing it every day reminds me of your kindness.

As you can imagine, things have been extremely hectic in the past few months. I have been working hard, but I feel very encouraged by the progress we're making. I certainly appreciated your kind words of support.

Again, thank you so much. Give my best to Michael, and I hope all the rest of your family is well.

Sincerely

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 14, 1993

Mr. Randolph C. Read
Yosemite Park Services, L.P.
P.O. Box 2941
Beverly Hills, CA 90213

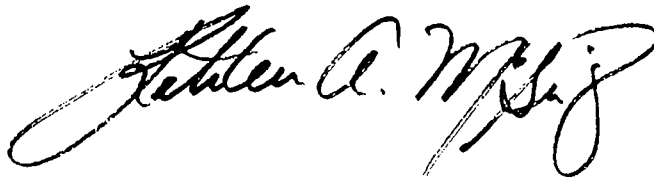
Dear Mr. Read:

The Vice President asked me to respond to your letter regarding the evaluation and selection process for awarding the concession contract at Yosemite National Park. I apologize for the delay in responding.

I appreciate your calling our attention to the current status of the concessions contract for Yosemite and your concerns surrounding the application process for this contract. As you may know, the Department of the Interior recently announced a plan to overhaul the contract selection process.

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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cc: Tom Collier
Chief of Staff, DOI

YOSEMITE PARK SERVICES, L.P.

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Randolph C. Read
President

June 1, 1993

The Honorable Albert Gore
Vice-President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vice-President:

With your acute interest and concern for the environment, you no doubt have followed what has unfortunately transpired to George Gillett, myself, and our group, Yosemite Park Services, L.P., regarding the concession contract at Yosemite National Park. However, you may not have been currently advised of some of the latest developments regarding the proposed awarding of that contract. To that end we thought you would be interested in the recent article on Yosemite that ran in *Forbes*, which we are enclosing herein.

With the announcement of a recent court ruling on the contract, Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt is expected to make a final decision on the award of the concession contract shortly. We are hopeful that Secretary Babbitt's previously announced desire to review and re-evaluate the award will come to pass, particularly given the controversy surrounding the evaluation and selection process and the tentative selection of Delaware North Companies, Inc. by former Secretary Lujan.

As you know, an extensive review of the entire process was deemed necessary and desirable by two Congressional Sub-Committees who have called upon the Secretary to initiate such a review¹. In recent Congressional hearings, it was revealed that after many months of work by the applicants, and thousands upon thousands of pages of submitted applications, the National Park Service despatched its final selection of the award in a mere 8 hours of meetings² in the waning hours of the Bush Administration. This unreasonably short evaluation period resulted in an incomplete analysis of the offers and numerous careless, but crucially important errors by the National Park Service.

Some very interesting information was produced during hearings before two independent

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Sub-Committees of Congress and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

1) Of all the applicants, Yosemite Park Services, L.P. submitted the best overall offer from the points of view of both the American taxpayer and the National Park Service. A summary of the bids submitted was prepared for Congress and the Secretary of the Interior and is enclosed herein for your information. Yosemite Park Services offered to pay on average, over 11.6% more in fees per year to the U.S. government than Delaware North. This would mean over \$10,600,000 more for the U.S. government and the taxpayers. Under certain circumstances, the fee level from Yosemite Park Services would be more than 333% higher than Delaware North's. In today's environment with talk of government budget and service cuts and increased taxes, we think the Department would be most interested in getting over \$10 million more from this contract.

2) Congress found the process conducted by the National Park Service was "deeply flawed,"¹ and this was exactly the case as it applied to the Yosemite Park Services application. The National Park Service mistakenly found an "ambiguity" in the form of Yosemite Park Services' funding commitment letters and consequently labeled the Yosemite Park Services application "unsatisfactory." This finding by the National Park Service was, in fact, based upon a complete misunderstanding of the Yosemite Park Services offer. The Park Service could have corrected its mistake by a simple phone call, a call they did place to Delaware North. The Parks Service's action was an apparent violation of National Park Service Regulation NPS-48. In fact, Yosemite Park Services is specifically entitled to a clarification and subsequent re-evaluation of its application under NPS-48.

3) The National Park Service has violated many of its own regulations and procedures. Not only did the National Park Service violate NPS-48 in contacting Delaware North but not Yosemite Park Services, but the Delaware North offer was deemed so deficient that the National Park Service felt it necessary to try to improve the Delaware North offer, post-selection; a further violation of procurement law. Further, Yosemite Park Services believes that the National Park Service breached its own announced source selection plan in selecting the tentative awardee by default, rather than by assessing the relative merits of competing applications. As a result, the Secretary was given no choice to make, as all bidders other than Delaware North were eliminated by the National Park Service staff, and Delaware North was chosen by default - not the way you should handle a \$2 billion contract.

4) Yosemite Park Services offered other superior features in its bid, including, but not limited to, donations to a trust for use throughout the National Park System (such amounts in addition to the higher basic fees proposed by Yosemite Park Services); creation and operation of a Yosemite Fine Arts Center for educational, cultural, and historical programs, all at Yosemite Park Services' expense; up to \$20 million, up-front, for capital

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improvements to the Yosemite facilities; a proposed refinancing of the MCA debt at a lower interest rate; a greater equity investment if required to make the operations successful; and top notch operating, maintenance, human resources, and environmental programs.

5) Yosemite Park Services has strong environmental support, including a proposed representative from The Sierra Club on its Board of Directors and specific stated commitments and concerns regarding the environment.

The result of all this is that in the proposed Delaware North award, the National Park Service, according to Congressmen Miller and Vento, "misunderstood its responsibility to get the best deal possible for the taxpayer and for the park visitor."¹ Secretary Babbitt now has a unique opportunity to correct the problems with this procurement.

One might note that this type of problem would never occur in the business sector. If Federal Express or Provident Life found an 11% increase in revenues from a highly qualified applicant, they wouldn't ask 'were their forms right?' They'd ask, 'how do we get that extra \$10 million in here?' Our hope is that those in government who are more concerned with form over substance shall not prevail in this case. Particularly when the "form" in question in our case (the form of financial commitment) was not specified by the government and further, when Yosemite Park Services specifically asked the government what was needed, the government told Yosemite Park Services that the form proposed was acceptable. Somewhat mysteriously, only after the fact, did the National Park Service reverse its position and declare the form "unsatisfactory". So the American taxpayers could lose over \$10 million because of a bureaucratic snafu over forms. Fortunately, Secretary Babbitt has the opportunity to correct this.

Yosemite Park Services has in fact submitted the best offer of all the applicants, as Yosemite Park Services was the only applicant that both had no limits on its environmental liability and had a fee payment to the National Parks that never dropped below the required 5% level prescribed by the Park Service.

As you may know, Yosemite Park Services, L.P. is a partnership founded by a group of environmentally oriented business partners, including George Gillett and myself, for the sole purpose of obtaining the Yosemite National Park concession contract. Its members include a number of life-long Yosemite enthusiasts as well as successful business executives with proven track records in related business operations.

Perhaps Senator Bumpers put it best when he said, "Governor Clinton is President Elect, because he said we are not going to do business the way we have been doing it. ...And you could not find a better place to start unless it was in reforming the concessions policy in our national parks."³ I know that with your deep commitment to the environment, the National

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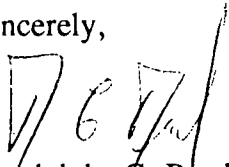
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Parks, and your interest in introducing better and more efficient ways for the government to do business, this contract is of concern to you. Therefore, we urge you to review this situation with Secretary Babbitt to insure that a full and complete review and re-evaluation of the various bids previously submitted to the Department of Interior is completed. We are certain that if such an independent and objective review takes place, it will ensure that the award is given to the group which offers the most for the American taxpayer and the Parks, and that group is Yosemite Park Services.

Mr. Vice-President, we think you have a great opportunity here to say to the American people, we're not doing business as usual. That you, and perhaps Mr. Clinton, personally reviewed this concession award and found the Bush Administration hurried the award and made errors, including leaving over \$10 million on the table that you can now obtain for the U.S. taxpayer. And at the same time you end up awarding this to a group with top environmental credentials that is also providing numerous other benefits to the National Parks. This is a great opportunity for you to send a message to the American people of what you and your administration stand for. This could, indeed, send a powerful message.

We thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Randolph C. Read

cc: Mr. George Gillett

Enclosures

1 Letter from Congressmen George Miller and Bruce Vento to Secretary Bruce Babbitt, April, 1993.

2 Testimony of Mr. Jack Davis, Associate Director, National Park Service, to Congress, March 24, 1993, on the amount of time the Selection Panel took to reach a decision after the Evaluation Panel spent only 10 days reviewing the submitted applications.

3 Senator Dale Bumpers, January 19, 1993 at the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, hearing on the nomination of Bruce Babbitt to be Secretary of Interior.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 1993

Mr. Jon Rousseau
P.O. Box 125
Hot Springs, NC 28743

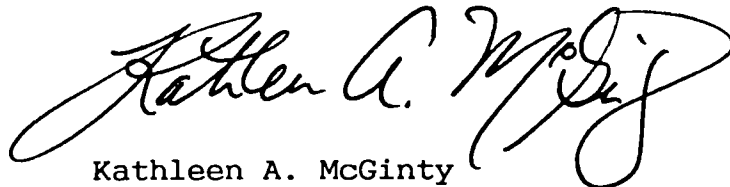
Dear Mr. Rousseau:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about Champion International's paper mill located in Canton, North Carolina.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment. I understand your concerns about the discharge from the paper mill into the Pigeon River. I have notified the Region IV Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency of your thoughts in this matter. I am sure that your concerns will be given every consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen A. McGinty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathleen" being more prominent and the last name "McGinty" following in a similar style.

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

KAM/avl

May 26, 1993

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am writing in reference to the atrocious behavior of the Champion International Corporation. Champion's paper mill in Canton, Tennessee has been polluting the ~~the~~ beautiful Pigeon River for over 87 years. They have been dumping their sludge/toxic waste into the river ^{Killing} ~~polluting~~ over 30 miles of it downstream. There have been 167 human cancer deaths in the downstream community of Hartford, population 500, in the past 20 years. None other than an undisputable "cancer cluster" who will speak up for these families who have been dealt such an injustice?! And for what? Profit for an impersonal, giant corporation where the few get rich at the expense of the many continuing to get dumped on?!

In addition, Champion has been violating the Clean Water Act for over 20 years!! Where is the justice in all of this quagmire? Why have environmental laws at all if they are not going to be enforced?!

Please force the EPA to start doing their job and do the right thing and stop giving Champion special treatment. It's not only plant, fish, and animal communities that are dying as a result of Champion's thoughtless and reckless actions, but human communities as well. Please start living up to words Mr. Gore and do something for a change.

Over
Sincerely, for Rousseau

July 7, 1993

Mr. G. James Roush
2441 Evergreen Point Road
Bellevue, WA 98004

Dear Mr. Roush:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the problems facing the Pacific Northwest.

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,

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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G. JAMES ROUSH
2441 EVERGREEN POINT ROAD
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON 98004
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206-454-9005

June 14, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360, Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

At the Northwest Forest Conference in Portland, Oregon on April 2, 1993, I heard President Clinton direct the agencies concerned to create a forest plan within sixty days that will be "scientifically sound, ecologically credible, and legally responsible" and which will "protect the long-term health of our forests, our wildlife, and our waterways".

I have read that science once again will mandate a significant reduction in the annual cut, further confirming years of overcutting.

I urge you to advise the President to abide by his commitment to develop a policy of long-term sustainability based on sound science and ecological credibility, and which obeys the law.

For once let's not allow industrial avarice to destroy our national treasure.

Sincerely yours,

G. James Roush

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July 7, 1993

Mr. and Ms. Ralph Retherford
46 West Garzas Road
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

Dear Mr. and Ms. Retherford:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the problems facing the Pacific Northwest.

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.

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Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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Mark Gorian - director of communication

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INSTRUCTIONS

Please let President Clinton know we support the Ancient Forest decision he committed to at the Forestry Conference, and we request that he drop the timber industry proposal.

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July 7, 1993

Mr. Tom Robinson
Manager
Oregon Salmon Commission
313 S.W. 2nd Street
Suite D
P.O. Box 1033
Newport, OR 97365

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the problems facing the Pacific Northwest.

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.

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Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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Newport, Oregon 97365



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OREGON SALMON COMMISSION

Date: June 23, 1993

To: Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy

Fax#: 202-456-2710

From: Tom Robinson, Manager
Oregon Salmon Commission
Forest Conference Participant

Dear Ms. McGinty,

This Commission, on behalf of Oregon's 2,300 salmon trollers and the many businesses and communities which depend upon viable salmon fisheries is very concerned about the so-called "Option-9" approach to resolving our forest and salmon problems.

It appears that "Option-9" would side-step environmental law and allow a high level of logging in areas which may harm salmon production.

The west coast salmon fishery needs your continued support to bring about a resolution which includes salmon production as a top priority in forest management.

If "Option-9" does not protect and enhance salmon production, then surely ESA listings on several stocks will be inevitable, causing even greater economic hardship to this struggling industry, and to this region. Please reject any plan which further jeopardizes salmon!

July 7, 1993

Mr. David Rubin
P.O. Box 10384
Eugene, OR 97440

Dear Mr. Rubin:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the problems facing the Pacific Northwest.

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Sincerely,

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

KAM/avl

June 17, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty, Director
Office of Environmental Policy
Old Exec. Office Building, Room 360
Washington D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am writing to you to express my deep opposition to the administrations intention to adopt "Option 9"

1. Please discard Option 9.
2. The administration must adopt a plan which creates permeanent ancient forest reserves, not reserves in which logging is permitted.
3. The President's plan must obey existing environmental laws; there should be no "sufficiency" language in the President's proposal!
4. Any option selected must attain a "very high" probability of maintaining the ancient forest ecosystem the viability of fish and wildlife species dependent on that ecosystem.
5. The eastside forests of Washington, Oregon, and Northern California must be a part of the plan.
6. Communities must receive assistance to facilitate the transition to more balanced, sustainable economies.

For the Forest,

David Rubin

July 7, 1993

Resource Consulting Group
P.O. Box 91219
Anchorage, AK 99509

Dear Folks:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the problems facing the Pacific Northwest.

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June , 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
The White House Office of Environmental Policy
Washington, D.C. 20503
Phone (202) 456-2710

Re: Forest Ecosystem Task Group - OPTION 9

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing to express my opposition to The Forest Ecosystem Task Group's so called "Option 9" and to urge that you do NOT seek to implement this plan.

This plan would be a disaster for the forest products industry and the communities in the Pacific Northwest which rely on the sound multiple use of our public lands.

This plan will cost over 85,000 jobs in the directly affected states of California, Oregon, and Washington. It will raise lumber and paper prices even further. These actions will combine to further weaken an already moribund economic recovery. The effects will ripple through the entire economy into construction, homebuilding, publishing, manufacturing, political life, etc.

Sincerely,

Dennis Stacey
Alice C. Stacey

Richard L. Jacob

Kinda E. Jacob

The White House
Various members of Congress
Jim Collier, US Dept. of Interior
Ron Lyons, USDA
David Wilhelm, Chair Democratic National Committee

July 7, 1993

Ms. P.J. Romeo
108 Grand View Road
Phoenicia, NY 12464

Dear Ms. Romeo:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the problems facing the Pacific Northwest.

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

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108 GRAND VIEW RD
PHOENICIA, NY 12464

June 25, 1993

Ms. Katie Mc Ginty:

Please relay to President Clinton:

- That he adhere to his promise to develop a scientifically sound, ecologically credible and legally responsible plan for protecting the Pacific Northwest's public forests;
- All remaining ancient forest be protected;
- The export of raw logs be stopped (work to keep log processing jobs in the U.S. and export only finished wood products); and
- Economic assistance and investment opportunities be provided to rural fish and timber related communities in the Northwest.

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July 7, 1993

Mr. Tom Ribe
1821 Sun Mountain Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Sincerely,

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

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Katie McGinty
puty Assistant to the President
ector, Office of Environmental Policy

June 23, 1993

ar Ms. McGinty:

I understand that your office is seriously considering bowing to intense pressure from the timber industry on matters of public forests in the Pacific Northwest. I understand that you are leaning toward "Option Number 9" which is unscientific and would sacrifice communities and the environment favor of the environmentally damaging wishes of a few timber companies.

Lets be clear, we the people elected Mr. Clinton to reverse years of grossly responsible environmental and economic policies. **If you folks cave in to lusty on timber and other environmental issues, you will experience a zying collapse of public support from the very people who worked hardest put you in office.**

The timber industry fought the Clinton Campaign at every turn. You owe m nothing! You owe the people of the northwest a new forest policy, not ore republicanism, not discarded environmental laws and trashed forests.

Please:

Use genuine scientific methods for determining ecosystem management based forest management. Listen to Jerry Franklin.

Create large, permanent ancient forest reserves

Discard Option Number Nine

Strengthen federal compliance will all applicable environmental and forest management laws.

esident Clinton must fully live up the spirit of his promises to the public th regards to our public lands made at the Forest Summit.

I hope you will do what is right at this critical time and not bow to the edy and cynical timber industry after it has already leveled 90% of our blic forests in the northwest.



Tom Ribe
1821 Sun Mountain Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505
505-984-3097

July 7, 1993

Ms. Josephine W. Rentz
6209 Mineral Point Road, #202
Madison, WI 53705

Dear Ms. Rentz:

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KAM/avl

Madison, Wis.,
6/23/93

Dear Mrs. McGinty -

Enclosed is a copy of the letter
which I have sent to President Clinton,
in reply to the request of member
groups of the Ancient Forest Alliance.

I hope it may have at least
some small effect.

Sincerely Yours,
Josephine H. Reutz

6209 Mineral Point Road # 202
Madison, Wisconsin 53705
June 23, 1993

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

Dear President Clinton:

It is probable, indeed almost certain, that every large industry in the United States is going to protest with all its might politically and financially against any regulation to preserve the last of the Northwest ancient forests still standing (or against an increased tax on coal or oil, or against an increased funding from the gasoline tax to restore freight and passenger railroads, etc. etc.)

Their vehement protests, however, cannot change the very basic fact that their modes of action, if continued as in the past and the present, will rapidly exhaust the natural resources of our nation, and lead to its impoverishment in the coming century, if not sooner.

It now appears that the very carefully formulated options which have been formulated for the past several weeks, to be used in the reasonable solution for this particular pressing problem, most unfortunately have been shoved out of the way to make room for action described as "Option Number Nine". This option, so called, would actually speed up logging under a pretense of "scientific forestry". It also proposed paying no attention, or very little, to ecosystem management, and would even direct federal agencies to ignore existing environmental laws.

A compromise solution must be worked out, for prevention of the destruction of the Forests. The timber industry is demanding the right to produce at least 2.5 billion board feet of timber per year. (THIS SIZE CUT VIOLATES ALREADY EXISTING LAWS!)

I strongly urge you to:
Reject "Option Nine"
Obey existing environmental laws
Create permanent ancient forest reserves -- actual reserves closed to logging.

I realize that there is heavy pressure in this instance, from both unions (alas!) and management, but compromises can and should be reached -- but the forests NEVER can be replaced, and their loss can result in more varieties of misery and hardship than most of us fully realize or understand.

Sincerely yours,

cc. to:

Ms. Katie McGinty:

Director, Office of Environmental Policy

Mr. Tom Collier

Chief of Staff, Dep't. of the Interior

Mr. Jim Lyons

Ass't. Secretary for Nat. Resources & Environment -- Dep't of Agriculture

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

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Trus Joist MacMillan
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P.O. Box 60
Boise, Idaho 83707

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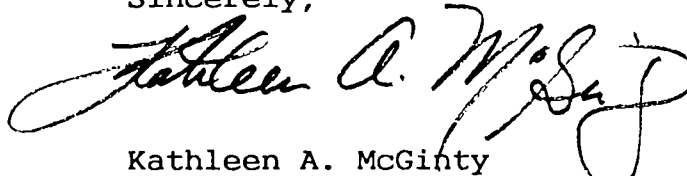
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A Limited Partnership

June 10, 1993

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Director
White House Office on Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
Washington D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

Engineered lumber was discussed quite prominently at the Northwest Forest Conference in April. As you deliberate a course of action to resolve the timber crisis that considers both people and the environment, we thought it would be of value to provide you with a white paper explaining engineered lumber and how it can help solve this natural resource challenge.

To put it briefly: Engineered lumber conserves wood; adds significant value to the resource; and creates technology-driven jobs. It currently supports an industry that measures sales in excess of \$350 million and is growing very rapidly. What's more, it is one industry in which this country holds a substantial world-wide technological lead.

We think engineered lumber and the environmental technology behind it should be considered and supported by the Clinton Administration as a positive part of the solution to this troubling issue. If you should have further questions, don't hesitate to call me at 208/375-4450 (work) or 208/344-3319 (home).

Sincerely,

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Dede Ryan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Mr. John Rand
P.O. Box 75340
Stanford Station
3751 6th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90005

Dear Mr. Rand:

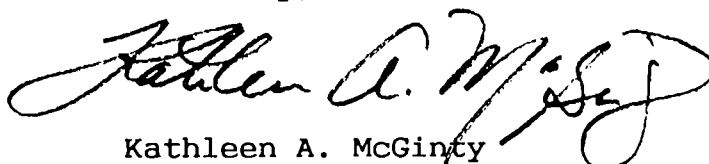
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Ms. Katie Mc Ginty
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Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Room 300 Old Executive Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20501



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Ms. Mc Ginty,
Please see that President Clinton sticks to his promise to develop scientifically sound, ecologically credible, and legally responsible plan for protecting the ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest. These forests need to be preserved for future generations not the timber industry!

John Rand

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P.O. Box 75340
Sanford Station
3751 6th Street
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Ms. Annabelle Reed
4205 N. 27th Street
Tacoma, WA 98407

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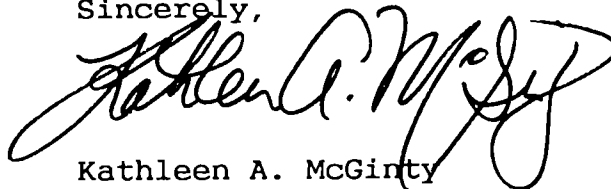
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Kathleen A. McGinty
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6-7-93

Dear Mrs. McInty:

Please advise President Clinton to develop a scientifically sound plan that will protect the ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest for wildlife, to prevent erosion, the recovery of the salmon (fishing) industry, and recreation industry. The latter two mean many jobs.

Sincerely
Annabelle Reed

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Mr. Bob Riley
P.O. Box 2098
Corvallis, OR 97339

Dear Mr. Riley:

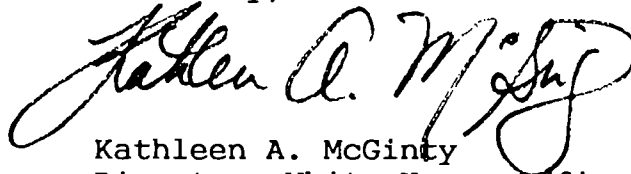
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Bob Riley
P.O. Box 2098
Corvallis, OR 97339
(503) 753-8331

Date: 18 June, 1993

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Regarding a current article in *The Oregonian* on the overstatement of the northwest timber supply by the U.S. Forest Service, I would like to add some information I became aware of as an employee during the 1980's. In the summer of 1985 I ran the stand exam crew for the Prairie City Ranger District, Malheur National Forest, and had an employee on that crew who had just finished two 2-year tours with the Peace Corps. Prior to his joining the Peace Corps, he had worked on the Malheur collecting stream data for the forest inventory, which was done during 1980. While not working on the timber inventory himself, he had a friend he roomed with who did. Needless to say, they often talked with each other about their work.

His friend had a complaint he voiced about the way his (timber inventory) work was being conducted. It seems that when the timber inventory data cards were turned in to his supervisor (now retired), he (the supervisor) felt that several trees were really larger than what the cards indicated - data on the cards resulted from field measurements. Feeling this way, he changed the data and made the trees to be larger than what the crew had measured. If he made this change from a field review of his own by checking up on the crew, fine, but apparently what happened is that the data was simply changed arbitrarily in the office, sitting behind a desk.

When I was told this during the summer of 1985, I passed the info along to several people thinking something would be done; nothing was. A couple of years later, during some general BS discussions with other District personnel about the way the Forest/District were being managed (i.e., overcutting), I repeated the rumors I had heard from my subordinate back in 1985. Upon hearing my story, my supervisor at the time stated she had heard stories from the Supervisor's Office (SO) about some remeasurements that had recently been undertaken on several inventory plots that indicated trees had shrunk between the first measurement in 1980 and now (around 1987, I think)! This seemed to verify the rumors that data may have been manipulated.

I resigned in 1989 for several reasons, not the least of which was my dissatisfaction with present management policies and pressures put on me to quit complaining or quit the FS. After resigning I attempted to ferret out the rumors by contacting the SO and informing them of the story I was told (just in case they hadn't heard it yet). I requested the names and last known addresses of the employees on the inventory crew so I could question them myself as to the veracity of the reports. I did receive the employees names, but not their addresses. Surprisingly, I also received copies of the data cards themselves, but without knowing which may have been changed, they did very little.

I tried contacting the personnel office directly and was informed the addresses and other pertinent data were no longer held at the SO, but at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. I wrote them and was told in no uncertain terms that the info was classified for privacy reasons. I then contacted an inspector's office for the USFS in Washington, D.C. to solicit his aid. Nothing. Then I tried the Freedom of Information Office with the USFS; again, nothing positive resulted. The Malheur denied any wrongdoing to any and all who asked (naturally). Without any way to get to the horse's mouth, so to speak, and due to the time since the last inventory was conducted, and knowing that a new inventory was tentatively planned for the early-mid 90's, I essentially gave up trying to find out the truth about the earlier one in 1980.

Until now, that is. After reading the article in *The Oregonian*, I decided to try one last time to get at the truth. If you are interested, I still have the names of the parties involved in the 1980 inventory (including the name of the supervisor who allegedly made the changes). If you wish to investigate further yourself, please let me know and I'll be more than happy to pass along their names. Maybe you would have better luck from the NPRC, or other sources, in acquiring their addresses to find out if the allegations are true, and, if so, make a determination as to how to proceed in any formal inquiries into Forest Service policies at the time and how they affected their timber harvest practices.

As an aside, I should also mention a few other "rumors" I've heard that may be a part of this whole thing. One, the Forest Supervisor at the time in question reportedly was visited by owners of at least 2 mills in the area which had been closed down earlier due to lack of timber available. They wanted to re-open and wished to know what type of timber volume they could expect to get since the new Forest Plan was in the process of being developed. The Supervisor supposedly told them they could get enough to run their mills and they needn't worry about any appeals to the Plan. Consequently, they re-opened. Needless to say, the Plan was appealed (and the Supervisor retired). I heard the mills shut down again soon afterward, complaining about the environmentalists. But they may have re-opened now due to the salvage logging going on as a result of all the fires and insect problems in the area.

Another story told me by the District Silviculturist at Prairie City was that the former Forest Silviculturist (since transferred) made the statement in the late 80's that if he knew the timber growth on the Malheur was as bad as it was, he never would have made the future growth predictions he did! Additionally, in making those predictions, growth equations were reputedly derived from trees on another forest (the Deschutes), whose trees do grow better than the Malheur's because of the better site quality. However, the Deschutes supposedly had a "Malheur Factor" to reflect the poorer growing trees there. If true, this factor doesn't appear to be low enough. I still haven't been able to figure out why they need to use the Deschutes, and not the Malheur itself. Nobody has been able to come up with an explanation of what that was all about.

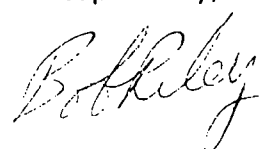
This same Forest Silviculturist once made a presentation to the District concerning growth projections being used in the upcoming Plan. He pointed out several acres that had been thinned and were growing very well and expected the rest of the District to grow just as well. One of our more astute employees mentioned that the areas in question that had been thinned were primarily lodgepole pine, a relatively low value, fast growing species early in life, yet growth projections were being made for ponderosa pine, a relatively common species of comparatively high value.

The Silviculturist said he would check it out and get back to us. He did, stating the growth projections were based on ponderosa pine thinnings and their subsequent growth. Nobody really believed him because of the large areas of lodgepole that had been thinned compared to very little ponderosa at the time. The general feeling was he was just trying to cover himself and not admit error, which would have resulted in quite a bit of changes being made to the Plan, not to say some red faces. Employees (and even some mill people) felt the Plan was overly optimistic and resulted in cutting more timber than was available.

Lastly, in conducting the 1980 inventory, it was a well known complaint at the time that there may not have been enough plots developed and inventoried to accurately reflect the amount of timber actually present. So now we have allegations made about data being changed, poor statistics due to the so few plots (which compounds the data changes by expanding them even more), predictions based on trees on another forest, poor actual growth results locally, and pressure by certain mill owners to make some money. To me it seems to be a disaster in the making, which apparently is just what has happened.

This may all be moot now because of the fire, disease and insect problems in the area and the fact that future harvest may be determined by those factors. However, it doesn't change what was done in the past, and may be attempted in the future. I don't believe timber should be locked away, but firmly believe it should be harvested based on what is actually there and on its true growth rate, not what the mills want to process, no matter how much political pressure is applied. Much of the problem today is based on too many mills being built to process an inflated cut, only to be shut down when the cut is reduced. A true sustained yield working area would not have this continual rise and fall in the harvest and subsequent labor problems. The harvest should be biological not political in nature; Congress should never have been involved in determining harvest levels. In any event, if you wish further information, feel free to call or write.

Respectfully,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Mr. Abraham Ringel
P.O. Box 1041
Issaquah, WA 98027

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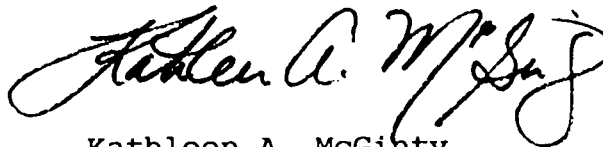
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PO Box 1041
Issaquah, WA 98027
17 June 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360, old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

Please impress upon the President the following relating to the
Timber Summit results:

He needs to keep his promise to support an ecologically sound
Plan for the preservation of the Ancient Forests. The plan
needs to be sound from an ecological, scientific, conservation,
and legal point of view.

If he sells out on this one, if he gives in to the
timber industry pressure, if he accepts ANY part
of Option 9, he will lose whatever credibility he
has with the environmental segment of the voters.

speaking for myself, if he fails us on this one, I will do
my best to support virtually any Republican candidate
in 1996. At least we know where they stand.

Abraham Ringel

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Ms. Carolyn Rios
754 California Avenue
Venice, CA 90291

Dear Ms. Rios:

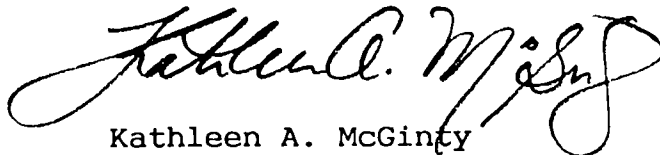
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Carolyn Rios
754 California Ave.
Venice, Ca. 90291

Grey

~~Al Gore
Office of the Vice President
Washington, D.C.~~

Katie McGinty

Dear Mr. Gore,

We are very worried that President Clinton is not keeping his promises to protect our national heritage, the old growth forests. Option 9 means that the "Environmental President" has been replaced by someone whose word is just as meaningless. You can't imagine how disillusioned I am.

Sincerely

Carolyn Rios

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Present this to Mr. Gore

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Mr. Jim Rosenstock
649 Oxon Hill Road
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

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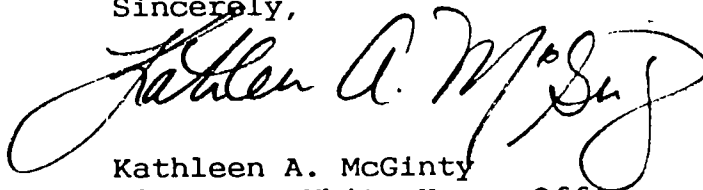
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To: KATIE McGinty

Subject: Ancient Forests.

Remaining ancient forests must
be preserved. No logging
should be allowed.

You & Clinton must live up
to your promises. Get rid of
"Option Number Nine"!

Don't turn "management" of
ancient forests over to logging
interests or apologists!

Jim Rosenstock
6411 OXON HILL RD
OXON HILL MD 20745

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Mr. Daniel Ropek
Science Chairman
Columbia Gorge Community College
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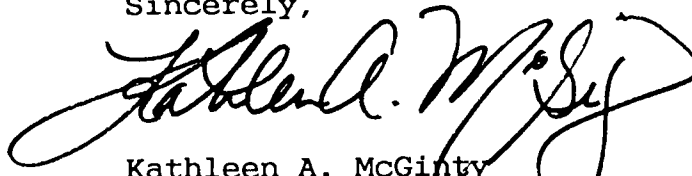
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TO: Katie McGinty
Director, Office of Environmental Policy 6/3/93

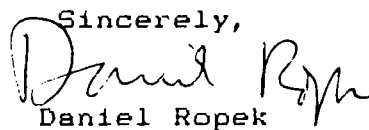
FROM: Daniel Ropek
Science Chairman, Columbia Gorge Community College
300 E. Fourth St.
The Dalles, Or. 97058

RE: Pacific Northwest Forest Policy

I am writing as both a science educator, and a citizen of a small, timber reliant community. I urge the President to maintain his goal of setting a forest policy based upon the best available science. As someone who can observe daily the effects of previous timber policies, I believe that we now need to think of the future. For that future to be at all bright our ecosystem must be given priority.

What is left of our old growth forests are essentially genetically separated islands interspersed with severe degradation. Logging, although an important aspect of our local economies, now needs to cease in our old growth. Further, second growth logging practices (which have received little attention) now need to be done in such a way that our soil, water and wildlife are given proper consideration. Indeed, it is these second growth forests that will form the backbone of the future timber industry in the northwest.

If we can begin to work with, and as a part of our ecosystem, we have a chance to maintain and sustain both jobs and an extraordinarily beautiful country.

Sincerely,

Daniel Ropek

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Mr. Bill Ragette
144 Trace Fork Road
Culloden, WV 25510

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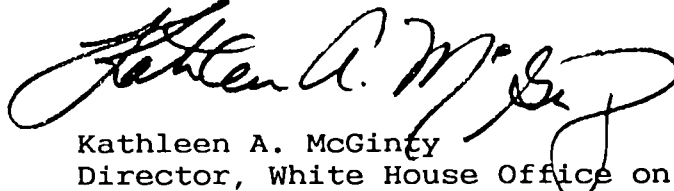
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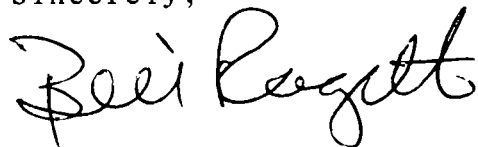
Ms Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, OEP
Room 360, Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms McGinty;

I am writing to you about the fate of the western ancient forests, which you have been so involved in. I read about the meetings the WAFC had with you. I've come to consider you a friend of the Forests. I hope you and the president can resist the business as usual of the timber industry and labor. Why don't they get it? How much virgin timber do they want? If the timber cut is not decreased and enough ancient forests set aside to ensure these species for future generations there won't be much of a future for the industry or the forests. We should not allow this issue to degenerate into politics but keep it on a scientific level. We should not be cutting any of the ancient forests on public land, it does not belong to us, but to all americans now and in the future. There will not be any new ancient forests, at least not for a thousand years. If we can't save the forests we have now we can't expect future generations to be any more generous.

I make my living as a sawyer. I am not opposed to the use of timber or cutting trees at all, but the line needs to be drawn somewhere. If the cutting in the past was done in a sustainable manner industry would not need to be making further inroads on the timeless treasures. By all means lets help those folks who were either so short sided or desperate that they are caught between a rock and a hard place, but please lets not destroy what remains of ancient times.

Sincerely;



Bill Ragette' 304-824-3571
Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, Director
West Virginia Environmental Council, Secretary
Heartwood, WV Coordinator
West Virginia Highlands Conservancy, Editor

THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 13, 1993

Dr. Speed Rogers
251 Purple Finch Lane
Brevard, NC 28712

Dear Dr. Rogers:

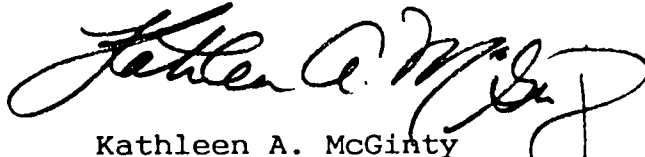
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251 Purple Finch Lane
Brevard, NC 28712
June 8, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360, Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President Clinton which expresses my concerns regarding the ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely


J. Speed Rogers MD

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Marilyn J. Reynolds
7102 S. 10th Street
Tacoma, WA 98465

Dear Ms. Marilyn Reynolds:

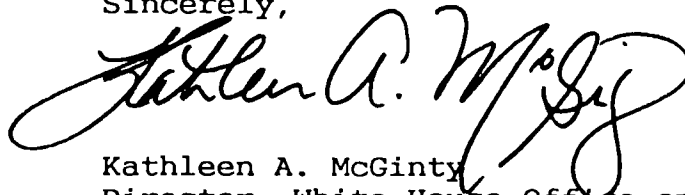
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Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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June 8, 1993

Dear Ms. McInty:

We want President Clinton to develop a scientifically sound plan that will protect the ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest for wildlife & for future generations.

This statement was dictated by the Audubon Society.

My own personal conviction is that no more old growth needs to be cut. There are many alternatives & advancing technology assures there will be more - recycling etc. -

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Marilyn J. Reynolds

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Mr. Hans Rilling
4395 Pleasant Cr. Road
Rogue River, OR 97537

Dear Mr. Rilling:

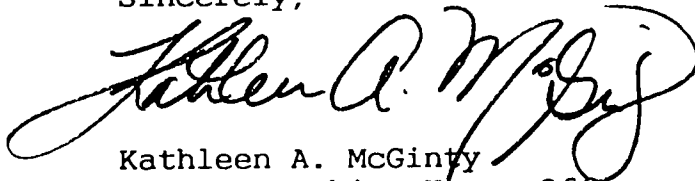
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Environmental Policy

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6/9/93

Ms Kate McGuire
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy

Dear Ms McGuire:

I am writing to remind you - and
the administration of Pres. Clinton promise
for a plan for the forests of the Pacific
Northwest "to hold them in trust for future
generations." The ancient forest ecosystems,
wild salmon and steelhead as well
as water quality must be preserved.
We cannot tolerate unsustainable
timber cuts in the Northwest.

Sincerely
Hans Rilling
4395 Pleasant G Rd
Rogue River OR 97537

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Mrs. Elizabeth Ritz
P.O. Box 108
Hyampom, CA 96046

Dear Mrs. Ritz:

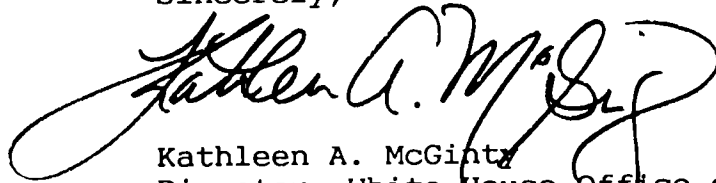
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June 11, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360, Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I believe that protection of the remaining ancient forests is absolutely necessary if the wildlife, clean water and fisheries resources which depend upon forests are to be maintained as part of this nation's legacy to future generations. Existing environmental laws such as the Endangered Species Act must be upheld!

My husband and I moved to Trinity County, California two years ago because we love the mountainous wilderness very much. We enjoy whitewater rafting, kayaking, hiking, camping and many other outdoor activities that this area offers. We gave up urban living for the challenge of living in a rural forest community. Both of us have managed to work and live here without making our living off the resource depleting timber industry. We have many friends and neighbors that feel as we do, *we support sustainable, scientifically responsible forest management!*

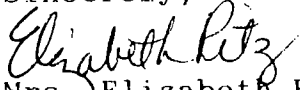
Here are a few points I would like to stress:

1. Old growth forest ecosystems in Trinity County should be protected and expanded.
2. Our native and anadromous fisheries need to be restored and protected.
3. There are people that live in Trinity County because they value the unique quality of life to be found in a rural forest ecosystem. We do not want to be held hostage to a resource depleting timber industry that destroys the very qualities we value.

Since I have been an "outdoors type" person for many years, I have seen the destruction past practices have caused, from hydraulic mining in the late 1800's to the clearcutting more recently, which certainly has a detrimental effect not only on the land, but also on any watershed which has been logged. I do not feel that the future of our forests should be sacrificed for the sake of timber jobs.

I want to let you know that not everyone who lives in Trinity County supports the timber industry. Paid industry spokespeople do not speak for me, and that is why I am letting you know how I feel personally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Ritz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ritz

PO Box 108

Hyampom, CA 96046

(916)628-4611

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Mr. Grant Rosoman
National Coordinator
The New Zealand Rainforests Coalition
P.O. Box 2516
Christchurch
New Zealand

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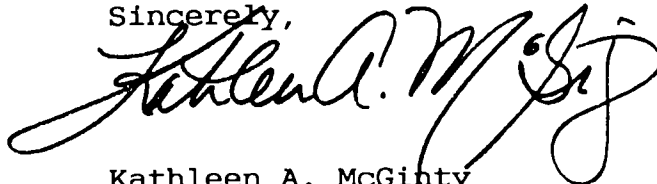
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The New Zealand Rainforests Coalition

P.O. Box 2516
Christchurch
NEW ZEALAND

Fax. 64-3-366 0655 . Ph. 64-3-366 6317

1st June 1993

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20001
USA
Fax (202) 456-2710

Dear Mr President

We congratulate you on the recent announcements of CO₂ reductions and the signing of the biodiversity treaty. It is also commendable that you are taking measures to resolve the U.S. ancient forest crisis. Here in New Zealand a conflict rages over the continued clearfelling of 800 year old rainforest trees on state forest land. We are watching with interest to see whether the valuable biodiversity stores and carbon sinks of U.S. ancient forests are to be protected.

Last month at the 14th session of the International Tropical Timber Council in Kuala Lumpur, tropical timber producer countries such as Malaysia, Indonesia and Brazil were being called on by developed nations such as the USA to hasten their transition to sustainable forest management. Their willingness to achieve this is severely dampened by the double standards of the developed consumer nations.

There is a major credibility gap. Global sustainable forest management will only be achieved if democratic developed nations such as New Zealand and USA take the lead and recognise the value of their natural forests by protecting all the remaining old-growth. We urge you, as we are urging our own government, to protect all the remaining old-growth native forests for the future generations and the survival of planet Earth.

Yours faithfully

Grant Rosoman
National Coordinator

Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society * Environment & Conservation Organisations of NZ Inc. (ECO)
* Federated Mountain Clubs * World Wide Fund For Nature (NZ) * Japan Tropical Forest Action Network (JATAN) * Friends of the Earth (NZ) * National Council of Women of New Zealand * Beech Action Committee * Tropical Rainforest Action Group * Pacific Institute of Resource Management * Wellington Rainforest Action Group * Epicentre (Chch) * University of Canterbury Environment Council

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Mr. Tyler Robinson
21315 N.E. 49th Circle
Vancouver, WA 98682

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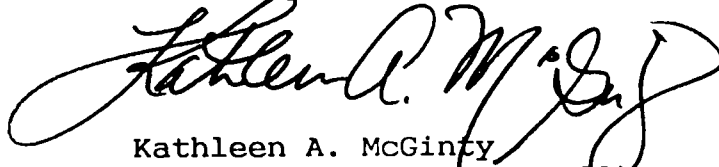
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Tyler Robinson
21315 NE 49th Circle
Vancouver WA 98682

June 18, 1993

Dear Katie McGinty, Director of Environmental Policy

I am writing to you as a very concerned citizen from the Northwest in regards to the recent plan, Option 9. I urge you to discard Option 9, for I feel that it is only a cop-out, or rather a token gesture to those concerned about the environment. We need permanent protection of our Ancient Forests and that means no logging, even salvage logging. I am also concerned that Option 9 does not obey existing environmental laws. These Ancient Forests are no place ~~for~~ for any sort of experimental logging, which would thus threaten the valuable ecosystems for fish and wildlife. Another large mistake connected with Option 9 is that it does not protect the east side forests in California, Oregon, and Washington. How can you make the decision to destroy an entire region of Ancient Forests. I sympathize with the hard hit logging communities and urge assistance for a transition to a more balanced economy in these areas. Please Ms. McGinty, we must act now to save our Ancient Forests before they exist only in pictures of the past.

P.S. Please reply.

Sincerely yours,
Tyler Robinson

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Mr. Gene Rubin
Gene Rubin Audio
529 S. Lincoln Avenue
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Mr. Rubin:

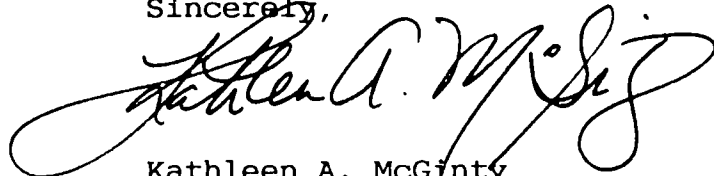
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Gene Rubin AUDIO

529 S. LINCOLN AVE., MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754

818-307-6467

Dear Kathleen McGarty

now is a great time to do away with the Animal Damage Control. It is a great way to reduce government spending while at the same time saving the lives of thousands of our national heritage. Ranchers need to be responsible for the protection of their own livestock, or better yet get their livestock off of public lands - all together!

The protection of only 2% of our beef costs the tax payer over \$45,000,000 per year!

It is an insanity for one agency to spend money protecting wildlife while another spends millions killing wild life.

Sincerely

Gene Rubin

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Mr. Rex Rathbun
1896 Lighthouse Road
Petrolia, CA 95558

Dear Mr. Rathbun Ms. Jessica E. Spann
2109 Peach Tree Street
Austin, TX 78704:

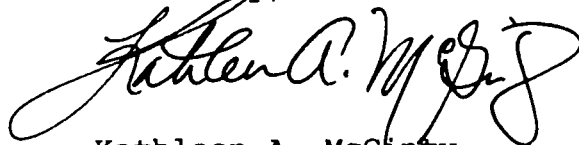
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Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Asst. to the President
Office of Environmental Policy

Please don't let this chance slip away. We've fought so long for these remnant Ancient Forest. Forget Option 9. All Americans need a solid permanent ancient forest reserve including the East Side and Sierra Nevada.

We here on the Coast have worked long hours for years to save our remnant native salmonid stocks. Watershed wide ecosystem protection is essential.

Communities must receive assistance in expanding to a more balanced economy and the Coastal commercial fisherman's job must be counted. They don't have the big-bucks industry that timber interest have!

Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan were all timber dependent once but they overcut and they are no longer significant timber economies. Facing tough realignment now rather than later is the best path to a sustainable forest product industry.

As long as the economic power of the industry and the N.W. Congressional forces are in place we cannot count on "sufficiency" language. Without access to the courts and Judge Sawyer the remnant ancient forests would be seriously depleted

Option 9 is not what Clinton - Gore promised. I own a small sawmill and know there are other ways to go.

Rex Rathbun
1896 Lighthouse Rd
Petrolia, Ca. 95558

707-629-3369
Fax 707-629-3663

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Ms. Nancy A. Roberts
Rural Route 1, Box 224
Hanes Creek, IA 51542

Dear Ms. Roberts:

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6/22/93

Mrs. Katie McMinty
Office of Environmental Policy
White House
Fax No. (202) 456 ~~2710~~ 2710

Dear Mrs. McMinty,

As both an environmentalist and a citizen, I am very concerned about the President's decision on how to manage and protect the last of our country's ancient forests. Please stick to the scientifically selected approach and create permanent ancient forest reserves. Do not select Option Nine, which would give loggers an inroad into those forests that would quickly be exploited.

This issue is bigger than a few thousand jobs. It is about recognizing that ~~these forests~~ should be left alone ~~to~~ to develop ~~over~~ over time spans far longer than the "products" that the wood from these forests would create. Future generations of people (as well as the creatures that inhabit the forests) deserve our consideration and protection.

Sincerely,

Nancy A. Robert

RR 1 Box 224

Honey Creek, IA 51542

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1993

Mr. Fred Ramsey
2918 S.W. Redfern Place
Gresham, OR 97080

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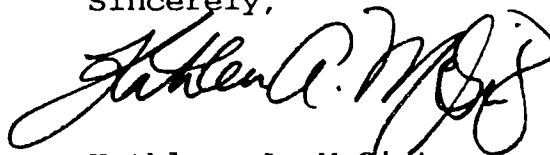
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June 22, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty:

Regarding Federal forest planning developments, I am very much in opposition to any plan which will allow any cutting in remaining tracts of old-growth timber. These remaining tracts have been grossly overestimated by the forest service in an effort to continue their harvest. The value of these old-growth tracts is in their diversity of species both plant and animal and fishes and they cannot be replaced.

Any plan devised must comply with the law of the land and allow for public input. It is precisely this ability for public input and scrutiny which has allowed exposure of past administrations mismanagement of our public resources resulting in this "Timber Crisis".

Our public lands must be managed in a manner conducive to all the many uses they provide and cannot be managed only for the timber lobby as has been the practice in the past.

We are currently suffering from decades of forest mismanagement and environmental abuse promoted by the timber, agriculture and livestock interest who have benefitted greatly while fisheries, wildlife, water resources and sustainable use of all the forest and public land values have been degraded.

There is no question that the public lands must be managed on a scientific and biological basis. We can no longer afford to wantonly sacrifice our environment for a fast-buck. We are losing the last of our old-growth forests, our salmon, steelhead and indigenous fishes and wildlife.

There are no quick fixes. No New Forestry can be allowed to compromise the remaining old-growth forests. They must be preserved. The salmon must be protected. The watersheds must be protected and the plan must begin the process of healing decades of abuse. We have the environmental laws on the books to guide us. Let's use them.

Sincerely,


Fred J. Ramsey

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July 13, 1993

Mr. Pat Rasurussen
P.O. Box 154
Peshastan, WA 98847

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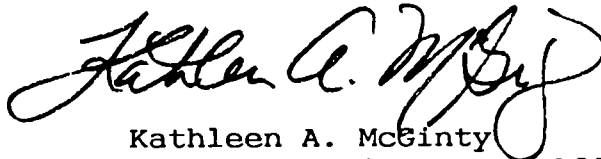
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CAMPAIGN TO SAVE THE

The Western Ancient Forest Campaign

ANCIENT FORESTS

Kathleen McGinty
As a resident of the Pacific Northwest, I urge you to protect our remaining North-
west Ancient Forests. With only 10% of our Ancient Forests left, they should be
preserved for future generations, because once they're gone, they're gone forever.
To cut these forests down would be as shameful as filling the Grand Canyon with
cement.

We urge you to show leadership to solve this problem once and for all by taking
immediate action to:

- Create permanent Ancient Forest Reserves
- Protect salmon habitat on both East and West-side forests
- Reduce log exports to keep jobs in the Northwest
- Create rural economic development programs
- Enforce existing environmental laws

Please let me know your views on this vital issue

Name

Address

K. McGinty
PO Box 154
Seattle, WA 98147

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Mr. Jimmie C. Rosenbruch
Glacier Guides, Inc.
P.O. Box 66
Gustavus, AK 99826

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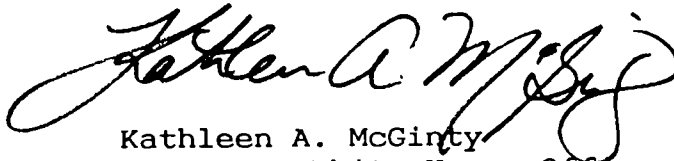
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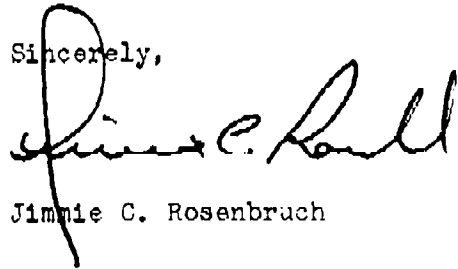
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ATTN: Katie McGinty, Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Tom Collier, Chief of Staff, Department of Interior
Jim Lyons, Asst Sec. of Natural Resources, Dept. Agriculture

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Ancient Forest Ecosystems please:

- 1) Discard Option Number Nine.
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- 3) The President's plan must obey existing environmental laws; there should be no "sufficiency" language in the President's proposal.
- 4) We want President Clinton to live up to the promises he made at the Forest Conference.

Sincerely,



Jimmie C. Rosenbruch

THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 13, 1993

Mr. Claude J. Rowley
President
Rowley Lumber and Hardware Co., Inc.
15838 Carleton Road
Hudson, MI 49247

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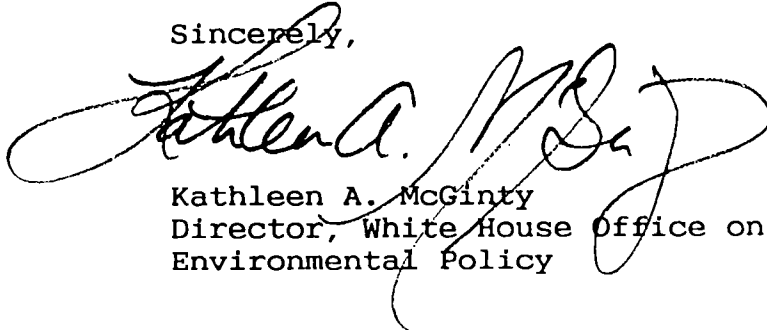
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15838 Carleton Road Hudson, Michigan, 49247 (517) 448-2685 or (800) 521-4854

July 6, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
White House Office of Environmental Policy

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I own Rowley Lumber and Hardware Company Inc. which employs seventeen in Hudson, Michigan. I am writing to you out of a serious concern for myself, my employees and my customers. Today we are in desperate need of an adequate sustainable timber supply. We all saw the impact of an artificially constrained timber supply with the skyrocketing lumber prices this past spring. If what I have heard about the administration's proposed solution to the timber crisis is correct, those prices were but a harbinger of what will surely come.

It is my understanding that the President will shortly recommend the adoption of "Option 9" as his preferred solution to the current gridlock in the Pacific Northwest. "Option 9" would reduce harvest levels on federal forest lands in the affected region to an average of 1.2 billion board feet. This is down from the historic level of 5.2 billion board feet. In addition it would cost jobs throughout the United States and dramatically affect lumber prices, risking the fragile recovery of the nation's economy.

When President Clinton convened the Forest Summit in April he promised to find a solution. I never dreamed his recommendation would be to suggest a harvest level lower than any figures proposed last year by the preservationist. I implore you to urge the President not to adopt "Option 9".

Sincerely,

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Claude J. Rowley, President
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964 Overlook Road
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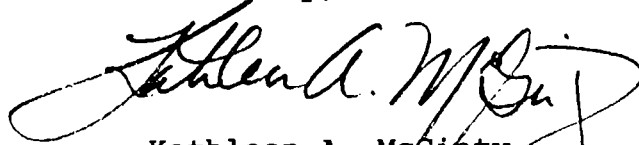
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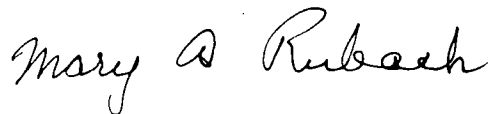
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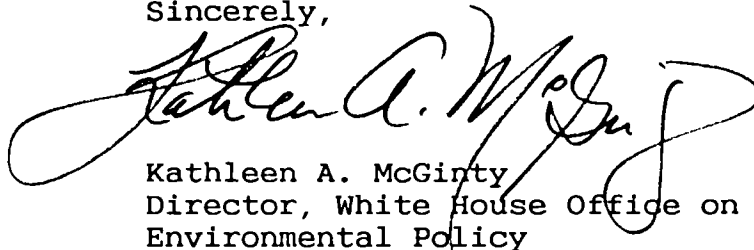
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Hon. Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior
Interior Building
18th & "C" Street
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Secretary Babbitt:

I am writing to give you some significant supplement data you should know about the agreements of the Fish & Wildlife Service with the large timber companies here in the Southeast for protection of the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker. In particular, we wrote about the first agreement with the large landholder, Georgia-Pacific Corporation. We have since corresponded with the Atlanta regional office of F&W with copy to you. Included in that correspondence was our strong recommendation that the Service engage at least two professional ornithologists to review these agreements. We have obtained additional information indicating the extreme desirability of doing so, so I am sending it to you as promptly as possible.

This management program was developed by a Dr. Gene Wood at Clemson University working with Georgia-Pacific before it was submitted to F&W. Dr. Wood is not an ornithologist but is a so-called "forestry ecologist"; yet, he is dealing with the complex biology of an endangered species. The plan, as devised by him for Georgia-Pacific, was then submitted to the Service; and the Atlanta regional office was glad to enter into it although, as we have tried to point out, there appear to be serious deficiencies as to the amount of foraging area and the fact that that area will be clear-cut at least on a 40-year rotation. This additional information is two-fold:

(1) It turns out that Dr. Wood testified in hearings in Seattle against protection of the Northern Spotted Owl. He offended Service employees greatly by what he had to say -- and we believe this should give concern to you and the Service in entering into a management proposal that he developed without input from biologists. As you know, the Northern Spotted Owl is in severe distress. While the Service has designated it as only threatened, it is my expectation that it will become extinct in my lifetime because of several factors. One is, of course, that the forest industry insists on cutting into the last 10% of the "old-growth forests" of the Northwest -- and, when you are eliminating parts of the last 10% of a species' major habitat, you are, in all probability, biologically passing "the point of no return"! Economic considerations should no longer be involved because those same considerations have already caused the loss of so much forest that the bird is in the plight that it is as is also the Marbled Murrelet. (This also, as you know, reduces supply of the Pacific Yew, the tree whose bark produces the drug to fight ovarian cancer.)

In addition, however, range of the Spotted Owl adjoins that of its near cousin, the Barred Owl; and the Barred is a species with an expanding range that is already expanding into that of the Spotted Owl, and the latter is losing out to it due to the excessive cutting of the old growth forests. Consequently, the Barred Owl may very well replace the Northern Spotted Owl in the Northwest. This is a biological consideration that is not even being considered to the best of my knowledge, but the range expansion of one and contraction of the other is now occurring and probably would not be if there had not been such degradation of the Spotted Owl's habitat. We, therefore, are extremely concerned that a person who testified against a

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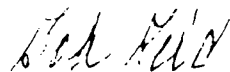
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In their press releases, they claim the agreement is a "voluntary effort" to preserve the species (but they know they have violated the act knowingly, so need to do something) and serves as a "model plan for the forest products industry in the South" (although it may not provide enough foraging habitat for survival of the species). And, please note that our experience is that we have lost more RCW colonies from lack of foraging habitat than cutting down of nest trees!

Maybe some plan for future management is the most viable action because the civil fines for "takings" could easily be paid by a timber corporation with resources like Georgia-Pacific. However, the Service needs to know that it is dealing with a company it cannot reliably trust. Consequently, there should be some mechanism for policing the agreement, although we are afraid, as indicated above, there will not be enough foraging area to support Red-cockaded colonies anyway -- and certainly not enough old trees preserved in the long-run that can serve as nest trees when the existing ones die out from natural causes.

Because of these facts, we sincerely urge you to have these agreements cleared by at least two of the professional ornithologists that were mentioned in my last letter. They are readily available and have spent lifetimes studying the woodpecker, so that would seem the only prudent course to pursue. Otherwise, you and the Clinton Administration are quite likely to be very embarrassed. Personally, I know that if I had recommended entering into such agreements and then later discovered the facts above set forth, I would be greatly concerned. Therefore, your attention to this matter of consulting the professional ornithologists is sincerely requested. Because the regional office of F&W in Atlanta seems to be wishing to enter into as many of these agreements as possible in the near future, it would seem to be a reasonable emergency; therefore, this letter is marked for your personal attention, which will be greatly appreciated by the many of us interested in the biology of these endangered species.

Sincerely yours,



Robert R. Reid, Jr.

RRR/tss

P. S. Because of references to the Spotted Owl, I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Ms. Katie McGinty, Director of the President's Office of Environmental Policy.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 13, 1993

Ms. Patricia B. Rae
411 Crystal Drive
Cotati, CA 94931

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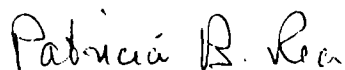
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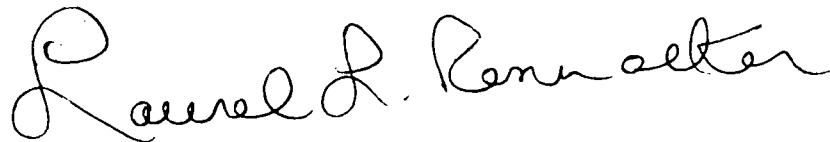
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Our elected officials must keep their word. Do not continue the ways of previous Administrations and make the situation here in the Pacific Northwest worse, instead of better. Drop the unreasonable "Option Nine", and recommend only those options which are solidly based in science, provide a high probability of maintaining the ancient forest ecosystem, and comply with federal law. In addition, any real solution will provide assistance to timber-dependent communities to facilitate the transition to more balanced, sustainable economies -- not just short-term "fixes" of timber.

North Central Washington Audubon Society
North Lewis Environmental Group
North University Garden Club
Northwest Fly Anglers
Northwest Rivers Council
Northwest Steelhead and Salmon Council of Trout Unlimited
Oak Harbor Garden Club
Olympic Environmental Council
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Sierra Club - Cascade Chapter
Sightt Murre Club
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Spokane Mountaineers, Inc.
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Washington Hawk Club
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Washington State Lakes Protection Association
Washington Toxic Coalition
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Washington Trust
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Whitney Island Audubon
Wildlife Society - Washington Chapter
Valley Valley Audubon Society

July 7, 1993

Ms. Cheryl Roberti
1048 Pioneer Street
Enumclaw, WA 98022

Dear Ms. Roberti:

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Sincerely,

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

KAM/avl

1048 Pioneer St
Enumclaw, Wa 98022
June 22, 1993

Mrs. Katie McGinty:
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy

Re: NW Forest Conference

Please discard Option Number 9.

We want a plan that creates permanent ancient forest reserves, not reserves in which logging is permitted.

The President's plan must obey existing environmental laws; there should be no "sufficiency" language in the President's proposal.

We want President Clinton to live up to promises he made at the Forest Conference

Thank you,
Cheryl Roberts

July 7, 1993

Mr. Dale Robin
President
D & R Cedar Products, Inc.
P.O. Box 269
Forks, WA 98331

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Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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D & R CEDAR PRODUCTS, INC.
P.O. BOX 269
FORKS, WA 98331

JUNE 28, 1993

To Whom It SHOULD Concern:

It has come to our attention that "Option 9" is the President's idea of balance in the forest management crisis in the Pacific Northwest. We strongly oppose this option as it will reduce harvest levels on federal forest lands to an average of 1.2 million board feet per year causing the loss of 85,000 direct jobs in our region and tens of thousands more construction jobs throughout the United States. In addition, it will dramatically affect lumber prices risking the fragile recovery of our nation's economy. It makes one wonder if the Nation's economy is his major concern.

We understand that if the Congress does not implement "Option 9", an executive order will be made by the President to do so. In doing so, he will bypass the affected congressional delegation. This is a blatant example of our government working against us, the people, instead of for us, the people.

The President acted as if he really cared about us on April 2nd, in Portland, Oregon. It is now evident that he hasn't a clue about, or just plain doesn't care about the working people or their families.

The President fails to understand that IF WE GO DOWN, HE GOES DOWN TOO!! HE NEEDS TO PUT PEOPLE INTO HIS EQUATION!!

Desperately concerned,



PRESIDENT

July 7, 1993

Mr. William Lee Russell
Executive Director
Mississippi Building Material
Dealers Association, Inc.
Carthage, MS 39051

Dear Mr. Russell:

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Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Building Material Dealers Association, Inc.

PHONE 267-5522 • P.O. Box 474
CARTHAGE, MISSISSIPPI 39051

Dear Ms. Katie McGinty,

I am the Executive Director of the Mississippi Building Material Dealers Association. Our Association represents over 300 Building Material/Lumber Dealers and Wholesalers in the State of Mississippi. I am writing to you out of a serious concern for my members and myself. As you are well aware, we need an adequate and sustainable timber supply. Within the past year, we saw the effects of a short timber supply -- skyrocketing lumber prices and a large rise in new home and remodeling prices. If what I have heard is true about the administrations proposed solution to the timber supply is correct, the prices and supply we saw in the spring will be low compared to what will come.

I understand the President will shortly recommend the adoption of "OPTION 9" as his preferred solution to the current gridlock in the Pacific Northwest. This "OPTION 9" would reduce harvest levels on Federal Forest Lands in that region to an average of 1.2 Billion board feet per year for the next ten years. This would be a decrease from 5.2 Billion board feet per year. Over 85,000 jobs in the region would be affected, either directly or indirectly. Also, tens of thousands of construction jobs throughout the United States would be affected, thus, slowing the recovery of the nation's economy.

At the Forest Summit in April President Clinton promised to find a solution I, along with our Mississippi Building Material Dealers Association members, never thought his solution would be a harvest level lower than anything proposed last year by the preservationists. "OPTION 9" would certainly cause timber prices to skyrocket because of the small amount allowed for harvest. The lumber and construction industry has a huge effect on the economy of Mississippi. If "OPTION 9" is adopted a tremendous affect would be felt in Mississippi. I strongly encourage you to urge the President NOT to adopt "OPTION 9"

In the business spirit,

William Lee Russell

WILLIAM LEE RUSSELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 7, 1993

Mr. Gordon Ross
County Commissioner
County of Coos
Coquille, OR 97423

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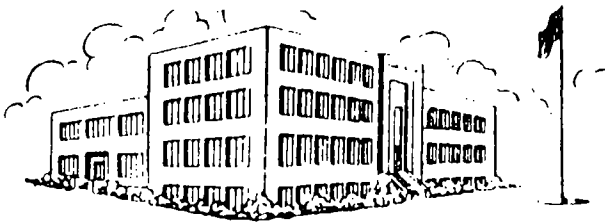
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COOS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Coquille, Oregon 97423
Phone: (503) 396-3121
Ext. 224, 225

County of Coos

COMMISSIONER

Gordon Ross

May 14, 1993

Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President for Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
Room 360
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Katie:

I've heard good things about you from other members of the
O & C Board.

Please take 20 minutes, for the sake of the environment,
to read the enclosed pamphlet. This is a dimension that
is not being inserted into the forest process.

Thank you,


Gordon Ross

July 7, 1993

Ms. Tracy Renner
President
Meeteetse Multiple Use Association
P.O. Box 102
Meeteetse, WY 82433

Dear Ms. Renner:

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**MEETEETSE MULTIPLE USE
ASSOCIATION**

**P.O. Box 102
Meeteetse, WY 82433
(307) 868-2470**

Katie McGinty

White House Office of Environmental Policy
Washington, D.C.

FAX: 202 456-2710

Dear Mr. Lyons:

Our association is made up of over 250 members from a 4 county area and represents every industry which is dependent on natural resources. I am also faxing a copy of our brochure which states our goals and briefly describes various industries which we represent. We hope you will take the time to read this as it is representative of much of our American West. We are writing to you to ask that you urge President Clinton to give his serious consideration to the timber situation in the northwestern United States. We understand that communications have broken down on a solution to supplying timber which is vital to the workers and their families of that area, and that President Clinton is seriously considering Option 9 as a solution.

Option 9 will cost the timber industry 85,000 jobs (this will affect 85,000 families which would be in the neighborhood of 340,000 people!) Surely this is not going to be beneficial to our national economy!

Option 9 will reduce the timber harvest level of the Pacific Northwest to 1.2 billion board feet from the historic level of 5.2 billion board feet. This would be 23% of the historic level.

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Option 9 will reduce lumber supplies and cause lumber prices to rise at a time when we need growth and investment in new homes and businesses. The prices have already risen quite a lot.

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We are fearful that President Clinton will base his decision on unsupported data in this matter.

We know there is a way to come to a decision that will be beneficial to all and to our country.

We are referring to a plan called Cooperative Resource Management, in which all parties sit down and determine their common interests and eventually come away from the table with unanimous agreement on a solution to managing the forests of northwestern United States. We have seen the success of this approach and are confident that it will work!

Please urge President Clinton to use this approach and involve all people who are concerned with this issue--it will work and presently opposing elements will become united in the effort to solve this issue.

We would request an answer to our letter and your assessment of our proposed solution.

Sincerely,

Tracy Renner by A.R.

Tracy Renner, President
by Alice Renner, Secretary

July 7, 1993

Mr. Bill Rousseau
President
Silvatech Corporation
P.O. Box 384
South Main Street
Bethel, Vermont 05032

Dear Mr. Rousseau:

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South Main Street
Bethel, Vermont 05032

(802) 234-5174
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June 30, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
The White House Office of Environmental Policy

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I'm told that the administration is about to implement option 9 as the "solution" to the controversy over timber cutting in the Northwest. It seems that the "Timber Summit" was a charade and that an administration supposedly concerned about jobs and the economy is perfectly willing to unnecessarily end tens of thousands of jobs for political gain.

You may wonder why a small high tech company in Vermont is concerned with this issue. We supply systems to the sawmill industry to help get more usable lumber from each log and our customers are in the Northwest as well as elsewhere. The implications of your actions obviously reach far beyond the families you directly put out of work. They will reach through the companies which supply the forest products industry and on to the companies we patronize. They will effect the entire building industry through wildly inflated costs for forest products - an industry you are heavily dependent on to pull the economy out of its current condition.

It also appears that you are much more concerned with the environment in the Northwest than in areas where it may be affected by the NAFTA. At least a federal judge has given you a taste of your own tactics.

It seems incredible that a government would lock up a renewable resource when it is spending itself and therefore its citizens into bankruptcy. I urge the administration to consider a plan which promotes "multiple use" not "no use".

Sincerely,

Bill Rousseau
President

July 7, 1993

Mr. and Ms. Fred and Arlene Rich
1635 Timothy Rd.
McKinleyville, CA 95521

Dear Mr. and Ms. Rich:

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ARLENE & FRED RICH
1635 TIMOTHY RD
MC KINLEYVILLE, CA. 95521

JUNE 30, 1993

PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON
C/O WHITE HOUSE PUBLIC COMMENT FAX 202-456-2461
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR PRESIDENT CLINTON,

WE ARE WRITING JOINTLY REGARDING YOUR "OPTION 9" FOR THE
HARVESTING OF FEDERAL TIMBER IN WASHINGTON, OREGON, AND
CALIFORNIA.

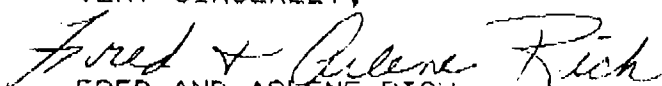
YOUR "OPTION 9" WILL BE A DISASTROUS CHOICE FOR THE SIX
RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE NEW
HARVEST VOLUME WILL BE SET AT 23 PERCENT OF HISTORIC LEVELS.

THIS WILL MEAN THE LOSS OF APPROXIMATELY 85,000 DIRECT AND
INDIRECT JOBS IN CALIFORNIA AND THE WEST. THIS DOES NOT
TAKE INTO EFFECT THOSE JOBS THAT WILL BE LOST IN THE
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WHICH RECEIVES LUMBER FROM CALIFORNIA
FOR BUILDING HOMES, OFFICES, SCHOOLS, ETC. THROUGHOUT THE
UNITED STATES.

THIS DRASTICALLY LOW VOLUME WILL CAUSE THE PRICES FOR LUMBER
TO CLIMB VERY FAST, PUT SMALLER SAWMILLS OUT OF BUSINESS,
REDUCE THE FUNDS FROM TIMBER SALES (WHICH ARE ALL ALMOST NON
EXISTENT) TO OUR SCHOOLS, AND PUT THE ALREADY ALMOST OUT OF
REACH FIRST HOMES AND NEW HOMES BEYOND THE AVERAGE FAMILIES
CAPABILITY TO PURCHASE THEM. THE TAX RATE OF THE MORTGAGES
WON'T HELP MUCH IN THIS SITUATION.

PLEASE GO BACK OVER YOUR NOTES FROM THE OREGON SUMMIT AND
READ THROUGH THE COMMENTS AND STATEMENTS MADE BY PEOPLE THAT
TRIED TO GIVE YOU THE REAL SITUATION AND NOT JUST POLITICAL
GAIN AND/OR LOSSES. WE ARE TALKING MEAT AND POTATOES, NOT
THE AMERICAN DREAM.

VERY SINCERELY,


FRED AND ARLENE RICH

CC: KATIE MC GINTY, FAX: 202-456-2710
TOM COLLIER, 202-208-6956
JIM LYONS, 202-720-4732

July 7, 1993

Ms. Suzanne Revell
67 Park Terrace East, #C11
New York, NY 10034

Dear Ms. Revell:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the problems facing the Pacific Northwest.

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Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

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

KAM/avl

Dear Ms. Mc Linty:

6/26/93

Please urge President Clinton to adhere to his promise to develop a responsible plan for the Pacific N.W. forests. All ancient forests which remain should be protected. Also, the export of raw logs should be halted at once. Keep log processing jobs in the U.S.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Revell (Suzanne Revell)
67 Park Terrace East #C11
New York, NY 10034

July 7, 1993

Mr. William Rehor
14 Clark Pl.
Middletown, NJ 07748

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Director, White House Office on
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Mr. William Rehor
1st Clerk Pl.
Middle town, N.J. 07748

June 29, 1993

Ms. Kate McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Deputy Assistant McGinty,

I am writing to you because it is reported that President Clinton is currently formulating his Northwest Forest Plan, which is an attempt to develop in the future our remaining forest resources in the Northwestern U.S. by sound and sustainable policies and that this plan will be released soon. I would ask you to consider the following points in your own policy input thinking.

That ^{the} President's policy be based on scientifically sound reflection of the ecology of the region which conforms to current environmental law. I would also ask that all remaining old growth forest be protected and the export of unfinished logs be abandoned in favor of export of finished wood products. Finally, I would ask you to carefully examine as many possibilities as your time allows that would stimulate the economies of logging communities via assistance programs and investment.

Thank-you for any time or effort you exert on the above matter and I wish you well in your environmental-policy deliberations.

Sincerely,
William Rehor

July 7, 1993

Mr. Ronald E. Robinson
P.O. Box 1233
Milledgeville, GA 31061

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Sincerely,

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Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Ronald E. Robinson
PO Box 1233
Milledgeville, GA 31061

June 30, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
The White House Office of Environmental Policy

Dear Ms. McGinty;

I believe it is wrong to reduce the annual harvest on Federal Forest Lands to the levels proposed in Option 9. The result of a reduction of this magnitude could shatter the economic recovery with higher lumber costs and the loss of jobs.

Please ask the President to reconsider. This is not what the majority of American people want.

Yours very truly,



Ronald E. Robinson

RER:nps

July 7, 1993

Mr. Daniel Ringwelski
Mastercraft Industries, Inc.
Holiday Kitchens
120 West Allen Street
Rice Lake, WI 54868

Dear Mr. Ringwelski:

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MESSAGE:

If not received correctly, please call.

July 7, 1993

Mr. Jim Rogers
208 N. Cornell
Normal, IL 61761

Dear Mr. Rogers:

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June 30, 1993

Jim Rogers
208 N Cornell
Normal, IL 61761

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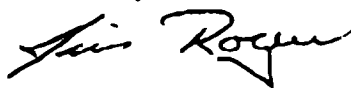
Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am writing to express my feelings concerning the development of a plan for the management of the remainder of our ancient forests in the Northwest. I think it is very important that the President uphold the promises he made at his Forest Conference and that he does not give in to the pressure of the timber industry. President Clinton promised a plan that would protect the long-term health of our forests, our wildlife and our waterways. The devastation of our national forests in the Northwest is criminal. I don't think it takes a scientist to see that clear-cutting in this area has been extremely detrimental to the environment. This destruction has to stop and we need to save the remaining 10% of our ancient forests. Please see that President Clinton receives my thoughts and suggestions.

1. Base your decisions on sound scientific information and what is best for the entire country.
2. Remember, the national forests belong to all of us and they are not the property of the timber industry or any particular state.
3. Stop all exports of timber - we should not be selling off our remaining timber so the industry can maintain its profits. If we kept our timber and process it in this country, we might create more timber jobs.
4. Discard Option Number Nine for the plan - maintaining or increasing the present level of cutting is wrong!
5. I would like to see a plan that creates permanent protection for the remaining ancient forests and forest ecosystems.
6. The timber industry needs to change - we are running out of forest. Just because someone's grandfather and father were in the timber industry, does not guarantee them the right to the same type of job. None of the rest of us have any job guarantees - things change.
7. When putting together the forest plan, make sure existing environmental laws are obeyed - there should be no "sufficiency" language in the proposal.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Jim Rogers

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July 7, 1993

Mr. Theodore H. Ragsdale
35 Lindhurst Drive
Dorchester, MA 02124

Dear Mr. Ragsdale:

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Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

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

KAM/avl

27 June 1993

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am one of millions of concerned citizens
who is concerned about the vast destruction of
forests in the U.S.A.

Forest regulations must be much more
strict than those being considered in Congress
today.

Please Encourage the President & members of Congress
to pass laws to protect all of our precious
natural resources.

Sincerely,

Leonard H. Rysak
35 Lyndhurst St.
Dorchester MA 02124
617-436-1712

July 7, 1993

Mr. Jerry Rivers
8 Gombert Place
Roosevelt, NY 11575

Dear Mr. Rivers:

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8-Gombert Place

Roosevelt, N.Y. 11575

June 22, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty, Deputy Assistant
to the President, Director-Office of
Environmental Policy, Room 360,
Old Executive Office Building,
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty

President Clinton's pledge was made during this past April Forest Conference. The conference attempted to resolve the impasse between conservationists and loggers on the issue of Pacific Northwest logging. The President will release his Northwest forest plan within the next several weeks.

P.S. I ask you Ms. Ginty to relay to your concerns that President Clinton adhere to ~~relax~~ his promise to develop a scientifically sound, ecologically credible and legally responsible plan for protecting the Pacific Northwest's public forests. all remaining ancient forests be protected. the export of raw logs be stopped. we insist that the President work to keep log processing jobs in the United States and export only finished wood products and economic assistance and investment opportunities be provided to rural fish and timber related communities in the Northwest.

(Over, please)

July 7, 1993

Mr. John E.B. Ransone III
President
J.E.B. Ransone Lumber Co., Inc.
533 Coolidge Street
P.O. Box 10666
New Orleans, LA 70121

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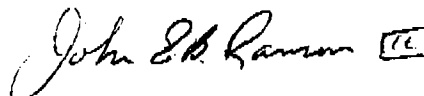
July 2, 1993

We are a small third generation wholesale lumber company employing seven (7) people in the New Orleans, Louisiana area. The products we sell are manufactured in Northern California, Oregon, and Washington, and we are totally dependent upon the lumber mills who provide our resources. To impose President Clinton's "Option 9" for the purposes of reducing available timber resources would severely handicap our customers, who are retail lumber dealers; their customers, who are builders and home owners; and the general home building industry. Not only would available supply be reduced, but prices would escalate dramatically.

We urge you to reconsider the devastation that would result in adopting "Option 9", and to allot a more realistic quantity of timber from this region.

Thank you for your immediate consideration.

Very truly yours,



John E.B. Ransone III
President

July 7, 1993

Mr. John Roulac
Harmonious Technologies
P.O. Box 1865
Ojai, CA 93024

Dear Mr. Roulac:

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From: John Roulac

To: Katy McGinty

Attn:

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Message: I urge a
~~no~~ on option 9
forestry plan
Let's not ignore
Biological Science

Our Forests are
the Seed of Life

Thanks for working
on these tough issues 😊

July 7, 1993

Ms. Patricia Joy Richmond
P.O. Box 113
Crestone, CO 81131

Dear Ms. Richmond:

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June 22, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director-Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360, Old Executive Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am very concerned about the reputation that President Clinton is getting by the press suggesting that he is waffling on his commitments. I know that no one can accomplish everything people want in five months; however, President Clinton did make a specific pledge during his Forest Conference in April. I hope that he will not allow congressmen and special interest lobbyists to convince him to ignore that pledge.

I am a native Coloradoan, but my family have all moved to Washington. I, too, own land there. Each visit I see more and more deforestation. Within months mountains are barren leaving no habitat for birds or animals. The salmon are being suffocated by the topsoil that erodes into the streams. On the Olympic Peninsula I have seen entire hillsides slipping into the ocean after being clearcut. Caravans of logging trucks, each making two runs per day, have destroyed the highways as well.

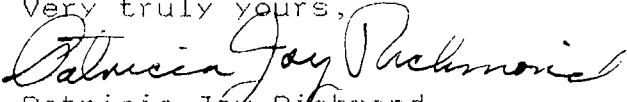
The Spotted Owl is not the culprit in the Northwest's woes, and I am tired of the press, loggers, or officials who try to reduce the problem to such a simplistic approach. Corporate greed, failure to reforest private timber lands, and poor management of federal lands have led to the crisis that now pits struggling families against defenseless animals.

I encourage President Clinton to develop an ecologically sound program that will not only protect the existing Pacific forests but will also promote reforestation of lands already over-harvested. Because I wanted the truth about the problem, I studied with a forest service biologist in the Baker National Forest one summer. I learned that the number of acres of trees harvested or left standing is not as critical to species preservation as the patterns of growth. Anyone flying over the western states from Colorado to the Pacific can see that our mountains are covered with huge patches of clearcut connected by forest corridors -- just wide enough to keep the public from realizing what really lies beyond the trees.

Exportation of raw logs has caused considerable loss of jobs in the Northwest, and this practice should stop, now. However, we must consider that excessive logging has encouraged almost anyone with a chainsaw to become a logger. As with any occupation, too many people seeking a particular type of employment means unemployment. Some of these people represent third generation loggers. Had the industry continued to follow family traditions, we probably would not have such extensive devastation of the forest because these people want a secure future for their children. We should encourage programs that allow the timber workers to be retrained for other occupations.

Government personnel acknowledge that the policies of the Republican administrations allowed multi-national mega-corporations to operate without any concern for the long-term results. We need to reverse these policies. Companies that benefit from the use of public resources should pay for that privilege. Companies that exploit public resources should be penalized with fines and prison sentences. We can stop fraud and corruption in any industry by letting politicians and corporate executives know that our new president meant what he said about returning government to the people, not by pampering those whose only interest is personal profit.

Very truly yours,


Patricia Joy Richmond

July 7, 1993

Mr. Paul Rood
10035 N.E. 28th Place
Bellevue, WA 98004

Dear Mr. Rood:

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10035 NE 28th Pl
Bellevue, WA 98004
June 21, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

fax 202 456-2710
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Dear Ms. McGinty:

I use the National Forest for recreation. I particularly seek out and enjoy the old growth forests for their beauty, solitude, clean water, and diversity of plant and animal life. I want the remainder of the old growth forest in the Pacific Northwest preserved for recreation, wildlife habitat, clean water, and as a biological reserve.

Any plan you propose for the remaining old growth forests must:

- establish permanent ancient forest reserves with no logging
- comply with existing environmental laws such as NEPA
- provide a high probability of survival for threatened wildlife species
- be based on science, not politics

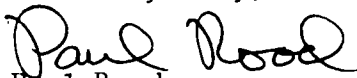
We have destroyed 90% of the original forests in the northwest. Isn't that enough? In the remaining ancient forests there can be:

- no thinning or salvage
- no experimental forestry - use second growth for this purpose

Any plan for the remaining ancient forests can have no "sufficiency" language which will bypass existing environmental law.

I oppose Option 9 which you are considering for the reasons mentioned.

Your very truly,


Paul Rood

cc: Mr. Tom Collier, Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior
Mr. Jim Lyons, Asst. Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment,
Department of Agriculture
Senator Patty Murray
Representative Maria Cantwell
Senator Slade Gorton

July 7, 1993

Mr. R.W. Reedy
5400 Frederick Dr.
Cheyenne, WY

Dear Mr. Reedy:

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Option 9 is going to cost
85000 JOBS we can't afford to
lose! It is inclusive of only 23%
of the historic harvest levels in the
Northwest. — Some compromise is in
order — PLEASE OPPOSE OPTION 9

Economic recovery is a top
priority of this administration —
Cutting more JOBS is not the way
to do it. Good Forestry can be
accomplished without option 9 —

R.W. Leedy
5400 Frederick Dr
P.O. Box 111111 AN 99009

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July 7, 1993

Mr. E. H. Roberts
Pennsylvania House
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Dear Mr. Roberts:

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**PENNSYLVANIA
HOUSE**

E. H. ROBERTS
PRESIDENT

June 30, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
The White House Office
of Environmental Policy
RE: OPTION 9
FAX: 202-456-2710

Dear Mr. President:

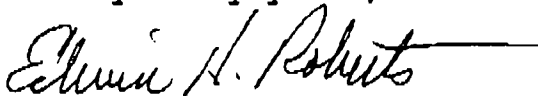
At a time when every job or any job should be a precious commodity you appear ready to take administrative action that could cost up to 85,000 jobs.

At Pennsylvania House we are paying twice for lumber what we paid last year. In Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, 1,000 additional jobs hang in the balance.

Forget the owls Mr. President. They can't help our recovery. They won't work! They don't buy things! They don't vote!

Lots of people at Pennsylvania House did vote and they voted for you. Don't betray them by taking their jobs.

Very truly yours,



E. H. Roberts

EHR:cah

July 7, 1993

Mr. Bill Robinson
Higginbotham Bros. & Co.
P.O. Box 392
Comanche, TX 76442

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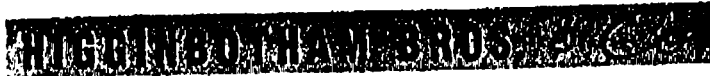
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To Bill Robinson	From Ms. Katie McGinty
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July 1, 1993

White House Office Of Environmental Policy

Ms. Katie McGinty

I work for Higginbotham Bros. & Co. which employs about 150 employees in central Texas. I am writing to you out of a serious concern for myself my employees and my customers. Today we are in desperate need of a adequate sustainable timber supply. We all saw the impact of an artificially constrained timber supply with the skyrocketing lumber prices this past spring. Of what I have heard about the administrations proposed solution to the timber crisis is correct, those prices were but a sample of what will surely come.

It is my understanding that the President will shortly recommend the adoption of "option 9" as his preferred solution to the current gridlock in the Pacific Northwest. Option 9 would reduce harvest levels on federal forest land in the affected region to an average 1.2 billion board feet. This is down from the historic level of 5.2 billion board feet. In addition it would cost over 85,000 jobs directly and indirectly in the region as well as tens of thousands more construction jobs through out the United States and dramatically affect lumber prices risking the fragile recovery of the nation's economy.

When President Clinton convened the forest summit in April he promised to find a solution. I for one never dreamed his solution would be a harvest level lower than anything proposed last year by the preservationists.

Please do not turn your back on the lumber and building industry. The industry provides many, many jobs and every small town large or small has a lumber yard. If we continue to cut production of timber for the United States. Where will the lumber come from. We cannot be put in the position where we must depend on our neighbors for lumber. With the new government in Canada who knows what will happen with that country.

We need your help and your support. We need increased production and not more cut backs.

Thanks for taking time to listen.

Bill Robinson

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.
P.O. Box 392

July 7, 1993

Ms. Rhonda Rese-Rieken
Rose Lumber
724 East First
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear Ms. Rese-Rieken:

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Port Angeles WA
98362

No on option 9.
At the Timber summit,
we were promised a
balanced solution!

Visit the Olympic
Peninsula & find a
balance.

Rhonda Rose-Peters

CASH—CARRY & SAVE

July 7, 1993

Mr. Fred W. Rix
Gellor Insurance, Inc.
214 East First Street
Port Angeles, Washington 98362

Dear Mr. Rix:

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DATE: 6-29-93

TO: WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF ATTN: MS. KATIE MC GINTY
FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
FRED RIX

RE: PRESIDENT CLINTONS CONSIDERATION OF OPTION "9" CONCERNING
THE NORTHWEST TIMBER CRISIS

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OPTION "9" IS UNACCEPTABLE:

- 1) An estimated 85,000 direct and indirect jobs will be lost and Option "9" clearly eliminates them with the proposed cut reduction.
- 2) Lumber will sky rocket, further slowing our nations economy.
- 3) Tens of thousands of construction workers and their suppliers are at risk of losing their jobs.
- 4) This is not a balanced approach. This is totally one sided.
- 5) Option "9" will decimate the northwests economy, it will further tear apart our small communities that are timber dependent.
- 6) It is absolutely unconscionable that our own elected Northwest Delegation has little or no input. This isn't what government is about!
- 7) Forestry Science is completely thrown out the window -- You might as well have Sierra Club executives and politicians manage our Forest Lands, with absolutely no formal Forest Science education.
- 8) Where are all the wood products going to come from and at what costs: Paper-books-housing-furniture-plastics-film-diapers-toilet paper -bags -magazines-newspapers--all made from mills in the Northwest.
- 9) This is wrong--families are suffering terribly now and Option "9" will destroy many thousands of hard working, patriotic, productive people and their families!

This insanity has got to stop, please do not let President Clinton force Option "9" on our people. The Olympic Peninsula has been devastated by the Sierra Club stoping our timber sales, this is our last hope.

On behalf of our staff of 14 employees, whose jobs are in the balance, please do not let us down.

Sincerely,

Fred W. Rix
Fred W. Rix

July 7, 1993

Mr. Frank V. Ross
President
Plycraft Products Inc.
3106 W. 95th Street
Evergreen, IL 60642

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June 30, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
The White House Office of
Environmental Policy

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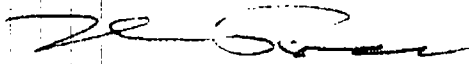
We want to express our opposition to the proposed OPTION 9 which will drastically reduce harvest levels of timber in the Pacific Northwest to 1.2 billion board feet.

This will affect our jobs at our company and other companies and raise unemployment levels nationwide.

With the poor economy in this nation, we need more effective and productive economic leadership that we presently have. We need a better balanced program in managing all of our natural resources.

We need more jobs and less government programs.

Very truly yours,
PLYCRAFT PRODUCTS, INC.



Frank V. Ross, Pres.

July 7, 1993

Mr. David R. Reetz
President
Alliance
P.O. Box 814
Powell, WY 82435

Dear Mr. Reetz:

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Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

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

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P.O. Box 814 • Powell, Wyoming 82435

Phone: (307) 754-3494 • Fax: (307) 754-7145

June 30, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
The White House Office of Environmental Policy
FAX (202) 456-2710

Dear Ms. McGinty,

We understand that the Clinton administration is intending to implement **Option 9** in spite of strong objections by many.

This proposal is absolutely a horribly imbalanced proposal and will result in not only the loss of tens of thousands of jobs, but will simply create a wood supply crises which will cripple the homebuilding industry in our county. And even more personally, it will undoubtedly cause wood prices to skyrocket, thereby making the American dream of home ownership an impossibility for the average American family. Even now, the lumber prices are so high only the better off can afford to build a home. We thought that the Clinton administration and the Democractic party stood for the working class - well these hard working people who don't have high paying jobs can never expect to afford a home if you create a seller's market and a crises in wood supply. We also thought that the Clinton administration stood for and promised more jobs, not less jobs.

We urge you start over with a much better balanced proposal, and with a plan more consistent with what President Clinton promised the American people during his campaign. **Help the working class - more jobs, not less.**

Sincerely,

David R. Reetz
President, ALLIANCE

July 7, 1993

Mr. Charles E. Reed
President
Reed Lumber Company, Inc.
Christiansburg, VA 24073

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Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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REED LUMBER COMPANY, INC.

"QUALITY AT THE RIGHT PRICE"

PHONE 703-362-4981

CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073

**BUILDING
MATERIAL**

June 30, 1993

Dear Ms. Katie McGinty:

I Charles E. Reed owner of Reed Lumber Company, Inc. which employs 65 in Christiansburg, Va. am writing to you out of a serious concern for myself, my employees and my customers. Today we are in desperate need of an adequate sustainable timber supply. We all saw the impact of an artificially constrained timber supply with the skyrocketing lumber prices this past spring. If what I have heard about the administration's proposed solution to the timber crisis is correct those prices were but a harbinger of what will surely come.

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Sincerely,

Charles E. Reed
Owner/President

CER:dc

July 7, 1993

Ms. Connie J. Reed
Secretary/Treasurer
Reed Lumber Company, Inc.
Christiansburg, VA 24073

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Director, White House Office on
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Secretary/Treasurer

CJR:dc

July 7, 1993

Rainforest Action Network
450 Sansome St. Suite 700
San Francisco, CA 94111

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Sincerely,

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

KAM/avl



June 29, 1993

Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy

Dear Director McGinty:

President Clinton is currently reviewing options on the development of a management plan that will determine the future of the remaining 10 percent of our ancient forests in the Pacific Northwest. We are concerned that the plan being considered is not "scientifically sound, ecologically credible and legally responsible". We would like to send a message to President Clinton urging him to create a plan that maximizes ecosystem protection and halts destructive logging practices in the region.

We want President Clinton to discard Option 9 and to implement a plan that creates permanent ancient forest reserves where all logging will be prohibited. This ban on logging should apply to all old growth, native and native secondary forest. We want to be sure that the plan does not include "sufficiency" language that would allow the administration to bypass the requirements of the National Environmental Protection Act. It is important to stop all imports and exports of unprocessed logs due to the negative economic impact on the country of origin and experimental forestry must be restricted to areas that have already been logged thereby protecting the remaining ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest. In short, we want President Clinton to live up to his promises made at the Forest Conference to protect the vitally important forest resource of this region.

We have collected hundreds of thousands of signatures on petitions calling on President Clinton to halt the destruction of forests worldwide. We will be mailing one of the eight boxes of signed petitions to your office along with a hard copy of this letter. We appreciate your attention to our concerns and would like to have a response sent to:

Rainforest Action Network
450 Sansome St. Suite 700
San Francisco, Ca. 94111

Sincerely,

Randall Hayes
D. McCullough
K. Nelson

Glen Rosefurth
Paula Wellen
James Peter

Paul Sighin
Di. Riley
Donny Ennis
Robert [unclear]
Abbi Lerman

cc: Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior
Tom Collier, Chief of Staff-Dept. of Interior
Jim Lyons, Asst. Sec. for Natural Resources & Environment-Dept. of Agriculture

July 7, 1993

Mr. B. M. Roos
13315 Butterfly Ln.
Houston, TX 77079

Dear Mr. Roos:

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Environmental Policy

KAM/avl

July 7, 1993

Mr. Grant Rosoman
National Coordinator
The New Zealand Rainforests
Coalition
P.O. Box 2516
Christchurch
New Zealand

Dear Mr. Rosoman:

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Environmental Policy

KAM/avl

July 7, 1993

Mr. Dennis Ready
28911 Gray Squirrel
Coarsegold, CA 93614

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Environmental Policy

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 1993

Mr. Thomas E. Reilly, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
Reilly Industries, Inc.
1510 Market Square Center
152 North Delaware Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Reilly:

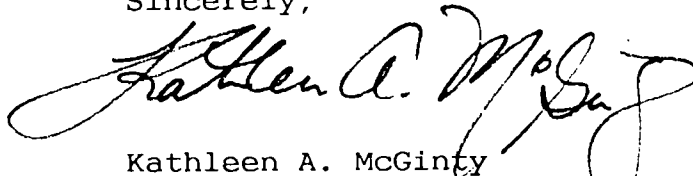
Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about liability of toxic waste cleanup under Superfund.

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. In his first State of the Union address, the President reaffirmed his goal to increase the efficiency of toxic waste cleanup, as well as to decrease the numerous liability lawsuits facing Superfund sites.

As you may know, on June 23, 1993 the Environmental Protection Agency released a package of administrative actions to improve the Superfund program. This document did not include any initiatives to limit the liability of municipalities with regard to cleanup costs. In order to examine long-term improvements of Superfund, EPA Administrator Browner established the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). This body will evaluate the current performance of the Superfund program, identify administrative and legislative options to improve the program, and assess the advantages and disadvantages of these options. Administrator Browner requested that the NACEPT explore possible policy options with regard to municipal liability in the Superfund program. NACEPT is expected to report to Administrator Browner in October.

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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REILLY INDUSTRIES, INC.

TELEPHONE: 317-638-7531
TELEX: 27-404
FAX: 317-248-6472



1510 MARKET SQUARE CENTER
151 North Delaware Street
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

June 22, 1993

Ms. Kathleen A. McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office on Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
17th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Superfund Municipal Liability Exemption

Dear Ms. McGinty:

We have just learned that the United States Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing options for exempting municipalities from Superfund liability or to cap their liability at 4%. We are very distressed to hear that despite industry's strong opposition to such a radical solution the administration and EPA are considering such a move. Industry's opposition to this proposal is not theoretical, but is based on actual experiences at Superfund sites where municipalities have been generators of large volumes of waste. To permit municipalities to be carved out from the Superfund liability scheme while leaving industry in a liability system which admittedly is not fair in terms of retroactive liability, joint and several liability, and other key features would be unjust and may unravel the fragile ties that have bound many Superfund groups together to conduct clean-ups.

Further, this action appears premature since EPA recently announced the formation of a public advisory committee to review Superfund's problems, including municipal liability, and to recommend reforms in Fall 1993. Instead of following through with the public advisory committee's recommendations, EPA seems to be sending a message that the Agency is not truly committed to dialogue and responding to the concerns of those who serve on such public advisory committees.

Reilly Industries, Inc., like many other companies, is very concerned about the proposal because exempting municipalities would result in a multi-billion dollar shift in liabilities from cities and towns to industry. Such a shift would seriously harm us as well as many other companies who try to compete internationally.

It is ironic that cities and towns who are lobbying Congress and the EPA to exempt them from liability are arguing that the national Superfund Program has become so expensive and so stringent in its requirements that they must be exempted from the program. Instead of exempting municipalities, the key seems to be to develop a broad base comprehensive reform proposal and address the entire program, not simply carve out liability for municipalities.

REILLY INDUSTRIES, INC.

Ms. Kathleen A. McGinty

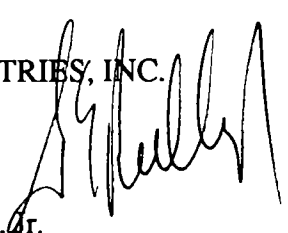
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June 22, 1993

We at Reilly Industries, Inc. urge the administration and the EPA to give careful consideration before implementing the 4% solution or any carve-out of liability for municipalities.

Sincerely,

REILLY INDUSTRIES, INC.


Thomas E. Reilly, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1993

Mr. Tom E. Runyan
P.O. Box 176
Mayhill, NM 88339

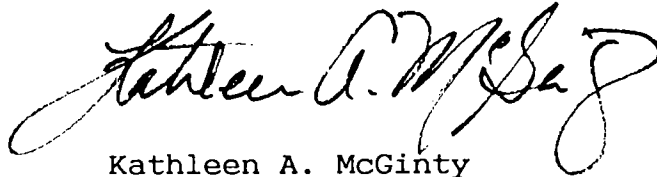
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

KAM/avl

P.O. Box 176
Mayhill, NM 88339
May 22, 1993

Ms. Kathleen McGinty, Director
White House Office on Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building, Room 170
Washington, D.C. 20501

RE: Support for Continuation of Federal Funding for ADC Program

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing to express my support for the federal funding of the ADC programs.

I grew up on a ranch in the Guadalupe Mountains in southern New Mexico. I have been involved with livestock production and ranching all my life and I now own a ranch in the Guadalupe. I know firsthand the problems predators such as coyotes and mountain lions can create for ranchers. They kill the baby animals and destroy the herds. When this problem goes on without control, it can devastate the rancher and even run him out of business.

Ranchers do not choose to have to control these predators. They are very careful to preserve the land off of which they make their living. However, when the predators become such a problem that they are overtaking the livestock, something must be done. The ADC programs aid the ranchers in controlling the predators without eliminating too many. There are already strict limits set on how many can be killed each year, as well as what types of control are allowed. If the ADC program is eliminated completely, ranchers will no longer stand a chance against these predators.

Environmentalists are pushing for the defunding of the ADC program. They are claiming that it is frivolous and the money is wasted. The money is NOT wasted--it is helping keep the ranchers of our country in business. If the predators are allowed to take over our livestock on our ranches, we no longer even stand a chance.

They are also claiming that President Clinton should cut this program to fulfill his goal of lowering government spending. However, more important than his goal of lowering spending is President Clinton's campaign PROMISE to lower unemployment and improve the economy. If the ADC program funding is cut and ranchers are forced to shut down their operations, unemployment will rise quickly. Millions of jobs are provided directly and indirectly by ranchers and farmers that most people never realize. Meat packers, farm hands, equipment dealers, feed stores, grocery

Ms. Kathleen McGinty, Director

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stores, restaurants, feed lots, and thousands of others would suffer if ranchers are hurt. Without money to spend and livestock to sell, the economy will also suffer. How can our President fulfill his promise to help our country if a program like this is eliminated?

Please consider all the effects cutting this program will have. I think if you truly have the best interest of our country in mind, you will see the need to continue funding for the ADC. The U.S. was founded on agriculture, it has supported mankind for thousands of years and we cannot afford to give it up now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom E. Runyan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Tom E. Runyan

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1993

Ms. Remington
P.O. Box 1621
Telluride, CO 81435

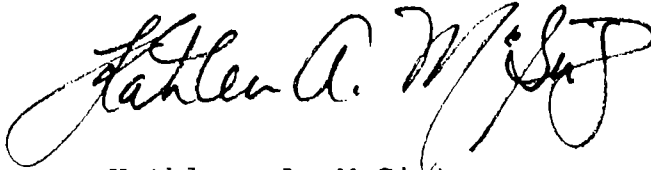
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Dear Ms. McGinty:

It is high time to end the Animal Damage Control agency. This waste of taxpayer money is busy destroying wildlife at the same time most people in the country want to save wildlife!

This agency exists only as a subsidy to the livestock industry. No private industry deserves such a subsidy. Let the ranchers protect their own cows and sheep -- and without killing wildlife.

Last year the ADC spent \$45 million to kill wildlife on our public lands. Many of their methods are indiscriminate -- such as poison baits and traps -- and may kill any and all animals in the area.

We need a more efficient government that does not subsidize the private sector at public expense. The wildlife on our public lands is a treasure -- not some nuisance to get rid of.

End the Animal Damage Control agency!

M. Kennington
P.O. Box 162/
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81435

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1993

Ms. Dana Reed
6116 Kearney Trail, N.W.
Albuquerque, NM 87120

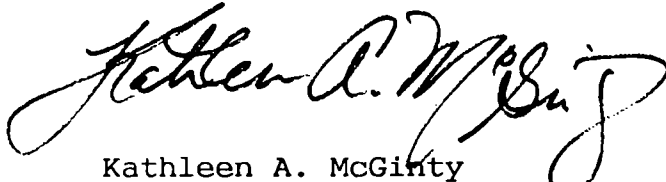
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6116 Kearney Trail NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120
May 24, 1993

Ms. Kathleen McGinty, Director
White House Office on Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building, Room 170
Washington, D.C. 20501

RE: Support for Continuation of Federal Funding for AIC Program

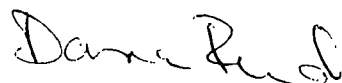
Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing to urge you to continue supporting funding of the ADC program.

This program is very beneficial to our state economically. I am employed by a small business in Albuquerque, and many of our customers are ranchers and farmers. They depend on the survival of their animals and crops to make a living. If they do not have a successful year, they do not have money to spend, at our business or any others in town. Without their support, a large amount of our business would be gone. I don't know of any small business across the state that can afford to lose the substantial number of customers found in ranchers and farmers.

Please consider the effect on the small businesses across New Mexico if ranchers are run out of business because ADC funding is cut. It could be disastrous for the employment rate and economy.

Thank you for your time,


Dana Reed

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 22, 1993

Mr. Sammy Raviv
3341 Stoneridge Lane
Birmingham, AL 35243

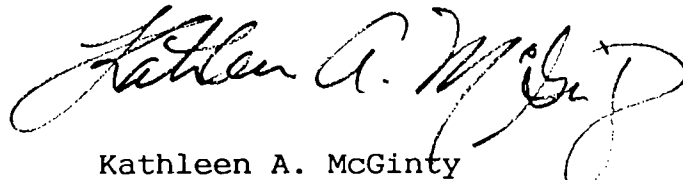
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Kathleen McGinty
White House Office on Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
Room 358
Washington D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

With President Clinton's economic strategy to cut all unnecessary federal spending in process, I wish to bring to your attention a little known and very outdated government agency called the ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL (ADC). The ADC, which has been around for most of this century, exists today as a blatant subsidy to the livestock industry. It is about time that tax payers stop paying to provide a zero-risk environment for ranchers, while most hard working taxpayers have their own business risks to contend with.

The ADC predator control program is neither cost-effective nor biologically sound. In 1992, the ADC spent over 45 MILLION TAXPAYER DOLLARS to kill wildlife on public lands and to develop poisons and control techniques for wild animals. Most of these techniques are indiscriminate and kill not only predators but other animals as well, placing many threatened and endangered species in jeopardy. Non-targeted animals, such as deer, beavers, bears, and bald eagles, have fallen to the ADC's killing methods. These methods including poison baits, traps, snares, denning-killing pups or the young in the den, and aerial gunning, left over 109 THOUSAND PREDATORY MAMMALS AND 1.5 MILLION BIRDS DEAD IN 1992. And these are figures "reported" by the ADC.

At the same time the government spends millions to kill predators for the sake of the livestock industry, it also funds multi-million dollar programs to protect and reintroduce endangered wildlife. It is time that the ranchers begin to take on the responsibility of protecting their livestock and to do so with non-lethal techniques. All the while, the federal government should do away with this outdated tax-supported war on wildlife and begin to protect our national heritage.

If there are any questions about the ADC's destruction of wildlife, please contact: WILDLIFE DAMAGE REVIEW
P.O. BOX 85218

TUCSON, AZ 85754

Thank you for your time,

Sammy Ravi

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3341 STONERIDGE LN.
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35243

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1993

Mr. William C. Rhinehart
9202 Shadowcrest Drive
College Station, TX 77845

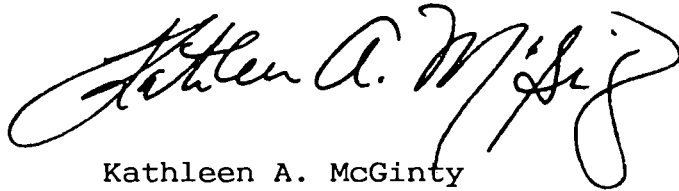
Dear Mr. Rhinehart:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the Animal Damage Control Act.

We are in the process of reviewing our policy with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior on this very important matter. I agree that further study of the options involved is necessary for an informed and balanced decision to be made. Be assured that we will give every consideration to your concerns as we look at this issue.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

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

KAM/avl

March 25, 1993

Mr. William C. Rhinehart
9202 Shadowcrest Drive
College Station, TX 77845-9328
(409) 696-3016

Ms. Kathleen McGinty, Director
White House Office on Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Bldg., Room 358
Washington, DC 20501

Ms. McGinty:

I am writing to you regarding the U.S. Department of Agriculture's **Animal Damage Control Agency**. I feel this program should be discontinued for the following reasons;

- 1) The ADC program is not a cost-effective solution. It spends millions of dollars to kill wildlife, some of which is on public lands.
- 2) It's control techniques are indiscriminate, scientifically-unfounded, and often inhumane.
- 3) It exists as an out-dated subsidy to the private livestock industry.

With the new emphasis on cutting unnecessary federal spending, I suggest that the ADC Agency be eliminated and a small part of those resources be used in a more environmentally-constructive method. It does not make sense to spend millions of taxpayer's dollars killing animals in one agency, and millions more trying to save animals in another. It's time to look for the long-term solutions.

If possible, I would greatly appreciate a brief reply summarizing your views on this matter.

Respectfully Yours,

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William C. Rhinehart

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1993

Ms. Elizabeth Rothman
P.O. Box 22094
Seattle, WA 98122

Dear Ms. Rothman:

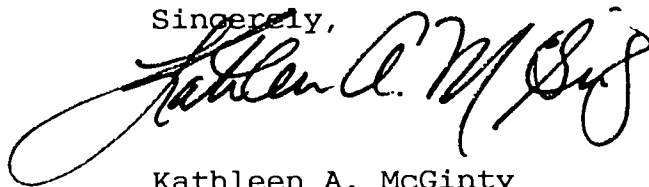
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July 27, 1993

Mr. Kirk Rhoads
1182-1 Tajiri-Kita
Yaizu, Shizuoka
Japan 425

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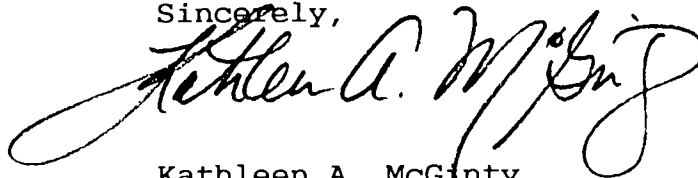
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

KAM/avl

Dear Mr. McGinty:

I hope President Clinton will honor his promise to develop a scientifically sound, ecologically credible and legally responsible plan for protecting the Pacific Northwest public forests. All remaining ancient forest be protected. Raw log export must be stopped. Export only finished wood products.

Sincerely, K. P. Hawk

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1993

Mr. Robby Roberts
15 Newman Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Roberts:

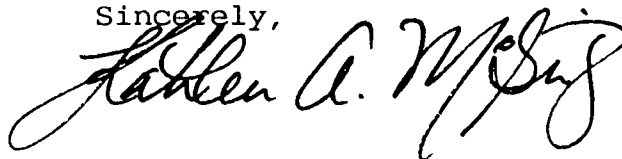
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Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Robby Roberts
15 Newman St.
Annapolis, Md. 21401

Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director-Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Deputy Assistant:

I am writing to you to ask you to relay my concerns that:

President Clinton adhere to his promise to develop a scientifically sound, ecologically credible and legally responsible plan for protecting the Pacific Northwest's public forests;

all remaining ancient forests be protected;

the export of raw logs be stopped. President Clinton works to keep log processing jobs in the United States and export only finished wood products; and

economic assistance and investment opportunities be provided to rural fish and timber related communities in the Northwest.

Thank-you for your concern and action on this important environmental issue.

Sincerely,

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Robby Roberts

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1993

Ms. Katherine Russell
P.O. Box 7456
Berkeley, CA 94707

Dear Ms. Russell:

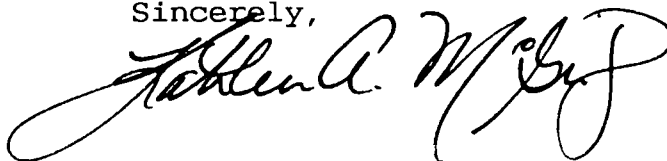
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PO Box 7456
Berkeley, CA 94707-0456

June 30, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360 Old Executive Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

During the recent widely publicized Northwest Forest Conference, President Clinton pledged to craft a forest plan that would be "scientifically sound, ecologically credible, and legally responsible." In response, an Ecosystem Management Assessment team was created to come up with options to protect the remaining ancient forest ecosystems while mitigating short-term job loss.

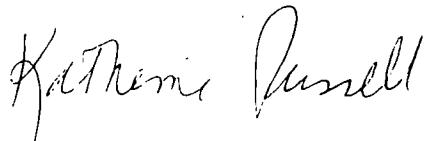
Unfortunately, special interests have reportedly been mounting a major campaign to divert the result away from a sustained yield plan which would comply with existing law while protecting this resource. They are pushing fixed numbers (such as 2.5 billion board feet), regardless of its impact on the forests.

This approach is short-sighted in terms of timber industry jobs and would ignore fishery, forest and habitat protection and rehabilitation. These are the policies of the past that have given us the barren and eroding hillsides throughout the Northwest.

One of the most important principles is that of *sustained yield*. Regardless of what other practices are in effect, neither the health of the ecosystem, nor of the economy, can long endure the kind of harvest practices that have been followed up to now.

Please put the protection of these systems ahead of the short term "timber-mining" interests.

Sincerely,

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Katherine Russell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1993

Dr. Michael B. Rothenberg
7595 Swede Hill Road
Clinton, WA 98236

Dear Dr. Rothenberg:

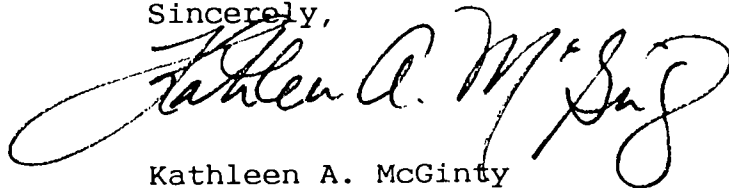
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Michael B. Rothenberg, M.D.
7595 Swede Hill Road
Clinton, Washington 98236

(206) 221-2774

1/15/93

Dear Ms. McGinty,

When I called your office this morning, I was told that Option 9 has already been chosen (see enclosed), and that my "local papers have a lot of misinformation about this option."

Would you be good enough to point out the misinformation in the enclosed letter to the editor of the South Whidbey (WA) Record?

Sincerely,
Michael Rothenberg

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1993

Mr. B. Suzi Ruhl
President
Legal Environmental Assistance
Foundation
1115 North Gadsden Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Dear Mr. Ruhl:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts on the Executive Order on Recycled Goods. It was good to hear from you.

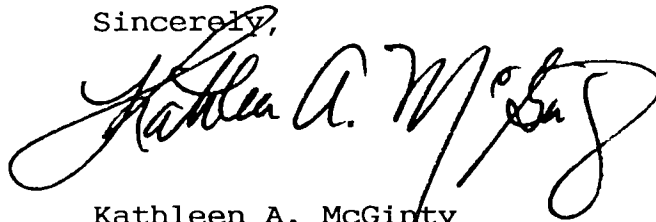
I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to preserving our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. Recycling is one of our top priorities.

As you know, through the hard work and initiative of many community and industry leaders, recycling has become almost routine to many people. However, 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. This is an important first step.

The Executive Order will also require that Federal Agencies begin to procure 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.

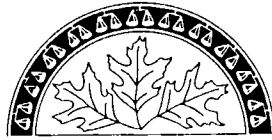
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June 22, 1993

Kathleen McGinty, Director
Office of Environmental Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20335

Dear Ms. McGinty:

RE: Federal Procurement Policy on Chlorine-free Paper

The Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation, Inc. (LEAF) is a charitable membership organization operating in Florida, Alabama and Georgia. Many of our members are concerned about the toxic compounds released into the environment by pulp and paper mills, especially 2,3,7,8 tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin. Dioxin is a confirmed human carcinogen, and has also demonstrated other toxic effects.

Eager to keep jobs, states have failed to take the lead in requiring pulp and paper products to be made with chlorine-free processes. A Federal procurement policy which insists on purchasing chlorine-free paper products will do much to encourage the industry to modify their processes and reduce the toxicity of their releases into the environment. The Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation, Inc. (LEAF) enthusiastically supports the establishment of such a Federal procurement policy.

If there is any thing that we can do to assist you in establishing a chlorine-free procurement policy, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

B. Suzi Ruhl, J.D., M.P.H.
President

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