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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 16, 1993

The Honorable Charles W. Stenholm
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Stenholm:

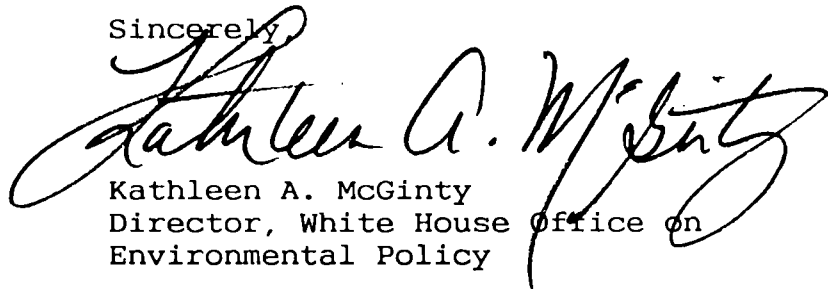
On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for contacting me regarding a "wetlands summit" to debate the issues surrounding wetlands regulation. It was good to hear from you, and I sincerely apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, President Clinton and Vice President Gore are committed to the preservation of our natural resources in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. The President shares your concerns about the uncertainties surrounding wetlands policies of the past.

As you may be aware, an Interagency Working Group on Federal Wetlands Policy was convened on June 4 to review and seek to clarify the issues surrounding federal wetlands policy in anticipation of the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. It includes representatives of all federal agencies involved in, or impacted by, the protection of wetlands. In addition, the working group will solicit a broad range of views, including those of the Congress; state and local government; environmentalists; developers and homebuilders; agricultural interests; and others. It is possible that the House Committee on Public Works could mark up the Clean Water Act in late July. Therefore, the working group is tentatively scheduled to produce draft policy papers on major wetlands issues for internal review by July 1.

I certainly appreciate learning your thoughts in this regard, and I look forward to working with you as we move forward with the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act.

Sincerely,



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

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issues and propose sound measures for accomplishing the goals of wetlands protection while respecting the Constitutional rights of property owners.

We also urge you to refrain from further rulemaking on this issue pending this wetlands summit to allow your administration to propose a well thoughtout and comprehensive wetlands proposal.

If this issue is not adequately addressed by your administration, the next few years will see a flood of lawsuits seeking compensation for property values taken and will result not only in the loss of public acceptance of this program, but also the loss to the public treasury of many millions of dollars.

As fellow Democrats we wish to work with you to organize and promote a national ongoing dialogue on wetlands. We look forward to working with you to address this important issue.

Best Wishes,

Billy Tauzin
Billy Tauzin, M.C.

Norman Sisisky
Norman Sisisky, M.C.

Charles Wilson
Charles Wilson, M.C.

Bill Sarpalino
Bill Sarpalino, M.C.

H. Martin Lancaster
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Sonny Montgomery
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Bob Clement
Bob Clement, M.C.

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Greg Laughlin
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Jim Chapman
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President Bill Clinton
The White House
February 19, 1993

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TO: Katie McGinty

FROM: Melissa Banks

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Honorable Billy Tauzin
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1321

Dear Mr. Tauzin:

The POTUS has asked me to respond to

~~Thank you for~~ your February 19 letter suggesting a "wetlands summit" to debate issues and assist development of this Administration's policies on protecting and regulating wetlands.

The POTUS

I share your concerns regarding the uncertainties surrounding wetlands policies of the past. This Administration will clearly articulate its position on wetlands protection in the coming months. We are committed to making a genuine effort to meet the goal of "no net loss" of wetlands by fully using the conservation and protection tools already at our disposal. I am ~~not~~ *can be improved* convinced that the current wetlands regulatory program ~~is so seriously flawed~~ *are we?* ~~as your letter indicates, and believe that most of these regulations and procedures lack only clear leadership and adequate funding to make them~~ *by constructive* ~~more~~ *it more* effective and responsive to public needs and concerns.

Considerable debate and discussion have already occurred on the issues of wetlands management and protection. The public, industry, State and local governments, Federal agencies, and other interests have all contributed their knowledge and experience in such diverse forums as the National Wetlands Policy Forum, the Bush Administration's Domestic Policy Council's Task Force

Honorable Billy Tauzin

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on Wetlands, various congressional hearings during the last legislative session, as well as the extensive public record on revisions to the Federal wetlands delineation manual proposed in 1991. I believe there is more than enough background available on wetlands regulatory issues to begin to develop sound wetlands policies. A "wetlands summit" is not likely to provide significant new information to guide this process. However, I believe a serious joint effort between this Administration and Congress is needed to resolve wetland issues during the Clean Water Act reauthorization process. For this reason, I am establishing an interagency task force, led by the White House Office of Environmental Policy, to work with Congress on this issue.

Thank you again for your letter and your interest in wetland conservation policy issues. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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want to do a summit
at this time*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1993

Mr. Michael G. Stevenson
Associate Director for
Energy and Environment
Los Alamos National Laboratory
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Los Alamos, NM 87545

Dear Mr. Stevenson:

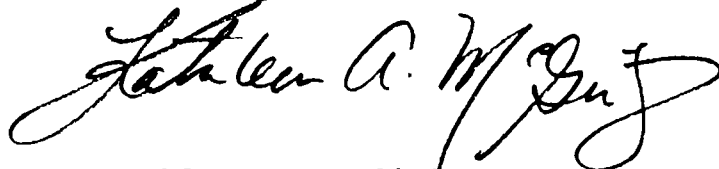
Thank you for contacting me regarding your work at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. It was good to hear from you, and I know the President appreciates the kindness and information he received while visiting Los Alamos last month.

As you know, President Clinton and I are committed to the preservation of our global environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. On the anniversary of the Rio Earth Summit, the President announced the formation of the President's Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD). This council will bring together representatives from the business and environmental community to work toward the goal of environmental sustainability.

I appreciate learning your efforts to develop a "fuel cell" for an electric car, as well as on the Mexico City Air Quality Research Initiative. I have asked the Council to stay in contact with you as they begin their important work.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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Associate Director for Energy & Environment

ADEE, MS A107

Los Alamos, New Mexico 87545

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FAX: (505) 665-2964

Date: May 28, 1993

Refer to: ADEE:93-214

Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President and Director
Office of Environmental Policy
The White House
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

As you know, the President visited Los Alamos National Laboratory two weeks ago and was briefed on a number of our activities, including some exciting environmental initiatives.

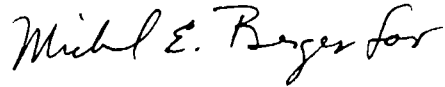
We are aware the President intends to use the occasion of the one-year anniversary of the Rio Earth Summit to deliver a speech on the environment and thought you might find it useful to have some specific examples of projects (endorsed by the President during his visit here) that demonstrate his commitment to having increased environmental protection alongside economic growth and that highlight his vision for the national laboratories in energy and environment work.

The President was briefed and expressed his excitement about an innovative technology being developed at the Laboratory with General Motors Corporation that could ultimately have a big impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Laboratory is working with GM to develop a "fuel cell" for an electric car which converts chemical energy to electricity. The electricity can then be used to drive an electric motor for propulsion, with a range and refueling time comparable to today's internal combustion engines. The key problem in the past was the high cost of the system. With Los Alamos' help, the cost is being reduced dramatically, such that commercialization should be possible soon.

Of course, addressing environmental problems here at home is not enough. The problems of the developing world in many ways dwarf our own. The United States has a responsibility to provide leadership and assistance wherever possible. While at Los Alamos, the President was briefed on a few of our international environmental initiatives which are highly successful demonstrations of the U.S. commitment to provide this leadership. The President was particularly impressed with the Mexico City Air Quality Research Initiative. As I am sure you are aware, Mexico City has perhaps the worst air pollution of any city in the world. The initiative, which is just now wrapping up to rave reviews, was designed to help the Mexicans model and design strategies for responding to their air quality problems. Los Alamos sent sophisticated monitoring equipment (some of which was originally developed for the military during the Cold War) to Mexico City, collected data, conducted atmospheric modeling, and then provided the tools necessary to help the Mexicans evaluate strategically the mitigation options. The Initiative has been so successful that other Latin American countries, such as Chile and Brazil, are anxious for us to expand it.

There is much more we could add to this letter; the President was also briefed on global climate change research and modeling, for example. Please let me know if we can provide any additional information on these various Laboratory projects. In the meantime, we will look forward to hearing the President's speech on these important national and international environmental challenges.

Sincerely yours,

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Michael G. Stevenson
Associate Director for
Energy and Environment

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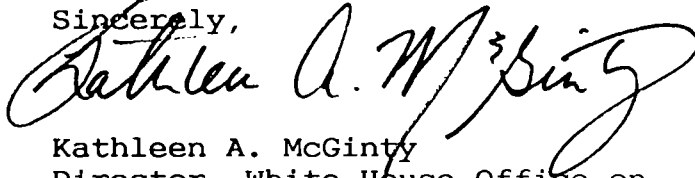
June 16, 1993

Jae-In Shin, Sc.D.
President
Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute
P.O. Box 7, Daeduk-Danji
Taejon, 305-606
Korea

Dear Mr. Shin:

Thank you for inviting me to your June 25th seminar on "Current Status and Prospect of International Cooperation on Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy in Far-East Countries." Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend due to other scheduling conflicts. However, I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the United States Department of State. It may be possible for a representative to attend and give an insight into the long-term strategy for the development of nuclear energy in Korea.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: David Harwood



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Mrs Kathleen McGinty

May 25, 1993

Senior Advisor
for Energy and Environmental Affairs
to the President and Vice President,
White House, U.S.A.

Dear Mrs Kathleen McGinty

Seminar : Current Status and Prospect of International Cooperation on Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy in Far-East Countries

At the request of the Minister for Science and Technology the Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute is arranging a Seminar to discuss Current Status and Prospect of International Cooperation on Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy in Far-East Countries. The Seminar will be held on 25th June 1993.

The purpose of the Seminar is to discuss the wide range of issues involved in setting a national policy for the peaceful development of nuclear energy within the Korean penninsular. Topics to be covered will include reactor and fuel cycle options, proliferation issues, economics, geo-political constraints and public acceptance.

The Seminar will be attended by leading figures from Korean Government, academia, industry and the media. Also invited are senior representatives from the UK Government and the Japanese nuclear industry. (We would be honoured to have a representative from the United State of America to give an insight into the long term strategy for the development of nuclear energy there.) In this regard, and on behalf of the Minister, we would wish to invite you to attend and to present a paper on "Conspiracy on North Korea's Nuclear Program : Current Status and Prospect". Following the seminar, foreign guests are planned to visit KAERI and other nuclear facilities for two days. All official traveling expenses including room and board would be covered by KAERI.

We sincerely hope you would attend the seminar to assist Korea in formulating a policy which will lead to long term growth and stability in the region.

Your response on this matter by FAX as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours

Jae-In Shin, Sc. D.

President
Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Mr. Cameron Spitzer
1141 Jonesport Ct.
San Jose, CA 95131

Dear Mr. Spitzer:

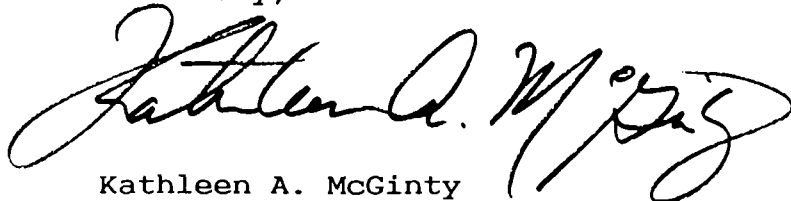
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I certainly appreciate learning of your continued interest in this arena as we work toward the resolution of this very important matter. Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

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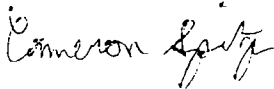
Ms. Katie McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20501

Dear Director,

I am concerned that President Clinton is wavering in his commitment to develop scientifically informed and ecologically wise management plans for our nation's ancient forests. The pressure from those who would destroy those assets for short term profit is nearly overwhelming, and seems to still result in harassment and stifling of scientific personnel at USFWS and USFS.

It is outrageous that these priceless, publically owned biological assets are being liquidated to prop up the short-sighted investments of a few big campaign contributors. Whether the ruse is "salvage sale" or "new forestry" or something else, you cannot fool Mother Nature. We need permanent protection for these ecosystems, not continued overcutting. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Cameron Spitzer
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San Jose CA 95131
Internet: cls@truffula.sj.ca.us

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Ms. Dorene Shulman
236 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Shulman:

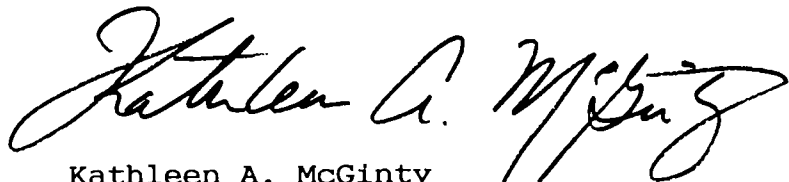
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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5/21/93

Dear Pres. Clinton, (att'n: Kathleen McGinty),

Thank you for your leadership on and commitment to finding a solution to the ancient forest crisis in the Pacific Northwest.

Now I urge you to:

1. Save all remaining ancient forests in the Pacific Northwest.
2. Protect the ancient forests east of the Cascade Mountain Range.
3. Set strict standards for adherence to all environmental laws and court orders.
4. Reduce the export of raw logs.

Thanks, and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Dorene Shulman

Dorene Shulman

236 Broadway

Cambridge, MA 02139

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Mr. Mark A. Suwyn
Executive Vice President
International Paper
Two Manhattan Road
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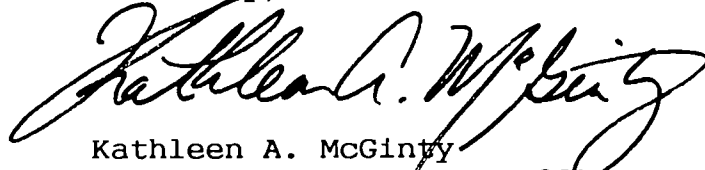
Dear Mr. Suwyn:

On behalf of President Clinton and Vice President Gore, I would like to thank you for contacting me with your concerns about the Forest Management Plan. I enjoyed our recent meeting in this regard.

The President and I believe that the Forest Conference held in Portland on April 2 was a significant step toward the resolution of the problems facing the the Pacific Northwest. As you know, at the conclusion of the conference, President Clinton directed his Cabinet to develop a Forest Management Plan within 60 days. I certainly appreciate your time and energy to help make the Forest Conference and the Forest Management Plan a success.

Be assured that this Administration will continue to work toward the resolution of this very important matter. Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

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

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MARK A. SUWYN
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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May 24, 1993

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant
to the President and
Director, Office of
Environmental Policy
360 Old Executive Office Building
Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to meet with you on May 18th and share our views on the Northwest forestry situation.

We believe an effective and durable solution in the Northwest should include:

- An immediate release of federal timber;
- Habitat protection exchanges through a streamlined exchange process;
- Provisions for private lands; and
- A government-academic-private sector partnership to define scientifically sound ways to implement ecosystem management.

Private land provisions should focus on establishing a reliable process for making case-by-case decisions that strike a balance between environmental protection and economic health. Additional provisions that we believe have promise include streamlining the HCP process under ESA, conducting an objective re-evaluation of owl habitat requirements, and acknowledging that compliance with state forest practices act provisions for owl protection is adequate.

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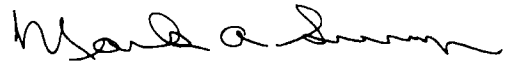
Ms. Kathleen McGinty

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May 24, 1993

As agreed, we are now contacting other forestry companies, as well as state agency personnel, to explore our idea for consolidating high-quality habitat via streamlined land exchange process. As soon as we have completed our contacts, we'll be back in touch with you to share our findings.

Sincerely,

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Mark A. Suwyn

MAS:cb

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Ms. Linda R. Stuckey
11910 Meridian Ave. E. #C215
Puyallup, WA 98373

Dear Ms. Stuckey:

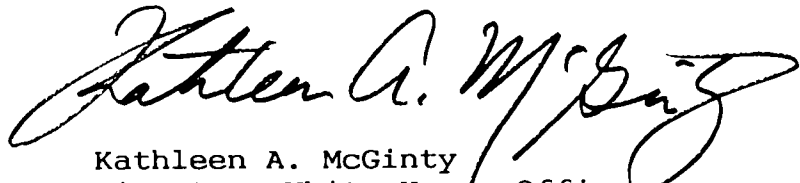
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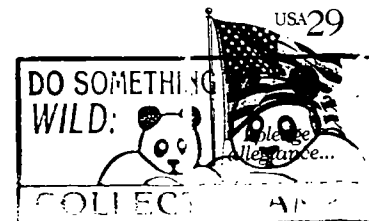
Ancient forest devastation in the Olympic National Forest, Washington. The ancient forests of Washington, Oregon and California have been relentlessly logged. Over 90 percent of these once-vast and complex ecosystems have been replaced by a wasteland of clearcuts, reduced to tree farms or lost forever to development. What little remains in our national forests must be permanently protected.

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5-27-93 Ms. McGinty - I urge you to use your authority to help protect our ancient forests. They play a crucial role in wildlife habitat, reduction of "greenhouse" gases, biodiversity, and recreation. The logging industry's supporters will tell you that we have enough ancient forest that can never be logged, such as the forests in our national parks. But please consider that the possibility of destruction by other means also exists: pestilence, fire, avalanche, mudslides, even volcanic eruptions. (Just look at the area surrounding Mt. St. Helens.) Please recommend to President Clinton the protection of old growth. Your sincerely - Linda R. Stuckey, 11910 Mendocino Ave E. #C215, Puyallup WA 98373

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MS KATHLEEN MCGINTY
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WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Ms. Lisa Stone
2025 S.E. Littlepage Road
Corbett, OR 97019

Dear Ms. Stone:

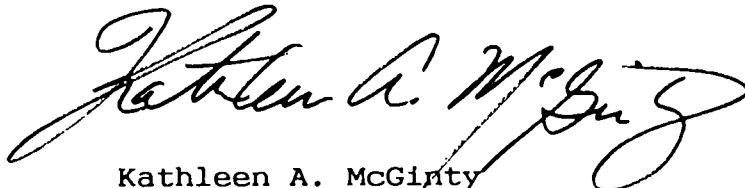
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Director, White House Office on
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May 24 '93

Ms. Katie McQuity
Office of Environ. Policy
Old Exec. Office Building # 358
Wash. D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McQuity:

I would like to register my support for a policy that would protect the last 10% of our old growth forests with a permanent preserve system. The old growth pine forests on the Eastside need protecting as well. Headwater forest protection is also important to support the life cycle of fish.

Your environmental leadership is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lisa Stone

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Mr. V. Alaric Sample
Director
Forest Policy Center
1516 P Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

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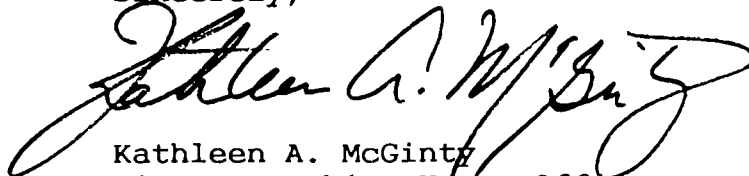
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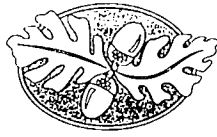
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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FOREST POLICY CENTER

May 13, 1993

Katie McGinty
Director of Environmental Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Katie:

Enclosed is a copy of the Forest Policy Center's recently-released discussion paper, *Components of A Forest Conservation and Economic Transition Assistance Plan for the Pacific Northwest*. This is not a "plan," but an analysis of several policy mechanisms that should be a part of whatever plan is devised for the region.

If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions regarding this discussion paper, please don't hesitate to give me a call at (202) 667-3300. If you would like to order additional copies, please ask to speak with Susan Stedfast.

The Forest Policy Center is committed to assisting in every appropriate way in the development of a workable solution to the situation in the Pacific Northwest, one that will facilitate the evolution toward a regional economy that is ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially responsible. We appreciate your efforts in that regard as well.

Sincerely,

V. Alaric Sample
Director

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Mr. Davy Sweetman
H.C. 86 Box 158
Myrtle Point, OR 97458

Dear Mr. Sweetman:

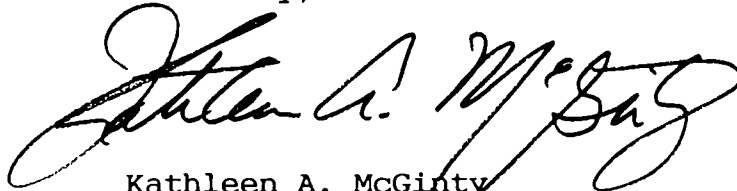
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Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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President Bill Clinton
Vice President Al Gore
Katie McGinty
Office of Environmental Policy

May 24, 1993

Dear Bill Clinton, Al Gore, and Katie McGinty,

I am concerned about the long-term health and management of our federal forest lands. I am a firm believer in maintaining an intact native forest network and ancient forest ecosystem.

Anadromous fish need all the help they can get. We should stop logging and roadbuilding in critical watersheds, those which still support a viable run of salmon or steelhead. Furthermore, efforts must be undertaken to 'stormproof' these drainages; putting roads to bed, improving those roads we need (culvert enhancement), and restoration work in riparian areas.

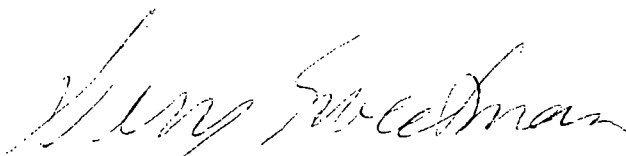
Logging on federal lands should be limited to thinning in second growth forests, and the ASQ drastically reduced. To minimize the economic impact of such a plan, the log export drain needs to be stopped, smaller sales emphasized, and job retraining and value added industry promoted.

Environmental protections must be increased on private lands as well. The negative impacts private practices have on public resources can be severe. To abuse one's own land, as the abuse of one's own children, should be a crime. Practices such as buying land, deforesting it, then reselling it could be stopped through a law limiting the amount of harvest that could be done in a given time; a mandated sustained yield. Practices which cause erosion should not be allowed.

Stewards of the public lands must be held accountable for their actions and policies. The right of groups or individuals to challenge management decisions needs to be protected, and existing environmental laws need to be enforced and strengthened.

I urge you to make protection of roadless areas and ancient forests, and the establishment of a comprehensive network of ecosystem reserves a top priority, including eastside forests.

Thank you for your good work.



Davy Sweetman
H.C. 86 Box 158
Myrtle Point, OR 97458

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4230 N.E. 110th Street
Seattle, WA 98125

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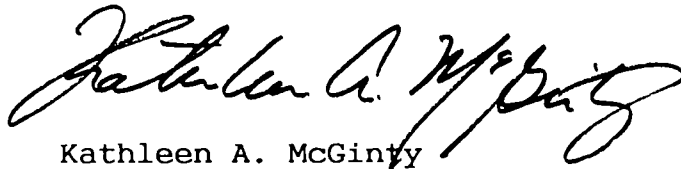
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To: Ms Katy McGuire

From: Bill Scott

Re: Ancient Forests

Date: June 2, 1993

Please do not bow to industry pressure to compromise President Clinton's promise of a legal and scientifically credible solution to the ancient forest dilemma. There simply isn't enough left to preserve the

ecosystem and save all the timber jobs
or even most of them. Please set aside
major tracts of Old Growth permanently,

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Protect both wet, east & Sierran
forests, insure that waters are given
economic assistance, and non-reserve
forests are ~~not~~ managed on a scientifically
credible basis.

Thank you.

Bill Scott

4230 N.E 110th St

Seattle WA 98125

206-3657527

July 7, 1993

Mr. Hans Spross
Lewis Travel Service
P.O. Box 400
700 SE Kane St.
Roseburg, OR 97470

Dear Mr. Spross:

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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ROSEBURG, OREGON 97470
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MS. KATIE MCGINTY
THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF INVIROMENTAL POLICY
360 OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

JULY 1, 1993
FAX 202 456 2710

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DEAR MS. MCGINTY:

THE ADMINISTRATIONS CHOICE OF OPTION # 9 TO SOLVE THE PACIFIC
NORTHWEST FOREST CRISIS IS A DISASTER FOR THE WHOLE OF OUR REGION
WITH JOB LOSSES AND ECONOMIC DECAY.

WE URGENTLY REQUEST THE ADOPTION OF A MORE BALANCED PROGRAM, MORE
IN LINE WITH WHAT WAS PROMISED AND IMPLIED BY MR. CLINTON AT THE
SO CALLED TIMBER SUMMIT IN PORTLAND, OREGON.

OPTION 9 IS AN UNACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

RESPECTFULLY,

HANS SPROSS.

July 7, 1993

Ms. Fran Smith
1209 1/2 Williams St.
Parkersburg, WV 26101

Dear Ms. Smith:

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Director, White House Office on
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1209 1/2 Williams St.
Parkersburg, WV 26101
June 27, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty; Dep. Ass. to the Pres.
Director, Off. of Environmental Policy
Room 360, Old Exec. Off. Bldg.
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am writing to relay my concern 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;

that all remaining ancient forests be protected;

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

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

Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fran Smith".

Fran Smith, SFCC

July 7, 1993

Mr. J.P. Smith
President
J.P. Smith Lumber Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 238
Menlo, GA 30731

Dear Mr. Smith:

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J. P. SMITH LUMBER COMPANY, INC.

Manufacturers of Quality Hardwood

P.O. Box 238

Menlo, Georgia 30731

706 862-2121

FAX# 706-862-6094

July 1, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
The White House
Office of Environment Policy

Dear Ms. McGinty:

We are a small business lumber manufacturer. Implementation of "Option 9" will result in a severe reduction of available timber supply in the Northwest, causing additional pressure on an already overburden timber supply. The end result being increased prices on lumber products to the consumer.

Please oppose implementation of "Option 9".

Sincerely,



J.P. Smith
President

July 7, 1993

G.J. Sagi
4625 E. Broadway
Suite 207
Tucson, AZ 85711

Dear Mr. Sagi:

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To: Ms. Katie McGinty, White House Office of Environmental Policy

From: G J Sagi, Editor of Safari Times, Editor of G.J. Sagi's Outdoor News

Ms. McGinty

For altogether too long, Capitol Hill policy has been one of ignoring public input and comment on those conservation issues, that for whatever reason, are deemed too important to wait. Apparently this is a direct result of certain politician's desires for that elusive and lofty nickname of environmental activist.

Option 9, in the Pacific Northwest, pushed through administratively is just such an example.

Please allow congress to act. Don't short circuit the democratic process by leaving out the voters of America. We live here too, and if you don't think we have the same conservation concerns, then you haven't taken a hard look at the federal excise taxes, happily paid, by our nation's hunters and fishermen.

Option nine, obviously, would reduce those taxes sportsmen happily pay annually. Adopt the measure, without public input, and undoubtedly you will need to find other ways to pay the conservation bill....like raising federal income taxes. And you know where that'll put the Clinton Administration come next election.

G J Sagi
4625 E. Broadway
Suite 207
Tucson, AZ 85711

July 7, 1993

Mr. Gary V. Smith
1839 NW Woodland
Corvallis, Oregon 97330

Dear Mr. Smith:

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Environmental Policy

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President Bill Clinton
White House
Washington, D.C

Dear President Clinton

As a timber industry worker in Oregon I am very concerned that you are going to reduce timber harvest levels and my job will probably be eliminated. Trees do grow and every old-growth was once a tiny seed and the old-growth trees are in the later stages of life and dying. Our Forest Service and Fish and Wildlife Services have very talented people working for them and surely they can find methods to harvest the timber and protect the wildlife.

I have been a forester for 29 years and know that we can grow trees, protect wildlife and not damage the ecosystem.

Please do not severely reduce harvest levels to the point my job is eliminated. I have worked hard for 29 years to harvest, reforest, protect wildlife and ecosystems and to make Oregon's forests a better place for animals, vegetation, and humans.

Gary V. Smith
1839 NW Woodland
Corvallis, Oregon 97330

July 7, 1993

Mr. Dan Strickman
Boehm-Madisen Lumber Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 906
Brookfield, WI 53008-0906

Dear Mr. Strickman:

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BOEHM-MADISEN LUMBER CO., INC.

WHOLESALE
LUMBER
FOREST PRODUCTS

P.O. BOX 906
BROOKFIELD, WI 53008-0906
PHONE: (414) 544-4660

TELECOPIER COVER LETTER

DATE: 10-30-93

FROM: BILL STRICKER
BOEHM-MADISEN LUMBER COMPANY

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING PAGES TO:

NAME: MRS. HATTIE MCGINTY
WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
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MESSAGE: DEAR MRS. MCGINTY,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU IN
ADVANCE FOR YOUR RECONSIDERATION OF OPTION 9.
OPTION 9 DOES NOT COME REMOTELY CLOSE TO
ACCOMPLISHING IN HARVESTS FROM PRIOR YEARS
TO WHAT IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME, TO BOTH

BOEHM-MADISEN LUMBER COMPANY FAX #414-544-0795

STABILIZE PRICING IN OUR INDUSTRY, AND KEEP
ABOUT 80,000 PEOPLE EMPLOYED, ON THE PACIFIC
NORTH WEST. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING
FROM YOUR OFFICE REGARDING THIS MATTER.
AS ALWAYS, RESPECTFULLY

Bill Stricker

July 7, 1993

Mr. Kevin Stoner
Sales Manager
Reed Lumber Company, Inc.
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Dear Mr. Stoner:

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PHONE 703-382-4981

CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA 24073

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June 30, 1993

Dear Ms. Katie McGinty:

I Kevin Stoner work for Reed Lumber Company, Inc. which employs 65 in Christiansburg, Va. 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 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 direct and indirect jobs in the region as well as tens of thousands more construction 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 for one never dreamed his solution would be a harvest level lower than anything proposed last year by the preservationists. I implore you to urge the President not to adopt "Option 9".

Sincerely,

Kevin Stoner
Sales Manager

KS:dc

July 7, 1993

Mr. Charles Stannard
Meister Log and Lumber Company
1440 Laukant Street
P.O. Box 308
Reedsburg, WI 53959-0308

Dear Mr. Stannard:

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June 30, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
The White House Office of Environmental Policy
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms McGinty:

This fax is to strongly state our opposition to your administration adopting Option 9 regarding timber harvesting on our National Forests. We believe Option 9 will have a very negative effect on labor, housing and the general economy. These are the peoples resources you are locking up for the benefit of a small minority, the environmental elitists. By adopting Option 9 you will:

- 1) Reduce the forest resources from this area available to the public by almost 80%.
- 2) Eliminate 85,000 jobs in the Pacific Northwest, as well as many others nationally.
- 3) Dramatically raise the price of homes, at the expense mostly of the lower and middle class.
- 4) Induce a strong negative impact on the overall economy.

Please do not cave into the radical environmental groups. Help keep our natural resources open to the multiple use, and benefit, of our general public.

Thank you,

MEISTER LOG AND LUMBER COMPANY

Charles Stannard
Log Buyer



July 7, 1993

Mr. Nat Sherman
85 - 34 214 Street
Hollis Hills, NY 11427

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Director, White House Office on
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Nat Sherman

85-34 214 Street
Hollis Hills, New York 11427
(718) 465-4769

June 28, 1993

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

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I'm not quite certain whether its the heat of summer, or the President's inability to take the political heat, that's causing this somewhat unsettled, queasy feeling in the pit of my stomach. I strongly suspect that it does have something to do with his proclivity for big, fat, flabby compromises.

Of course, what I need at the moment is a little something to help gentle the turmoil in my tum-tum, and a principled and determined stand on an issue by the President could be most therapeutic.

Take, for example, his promise to develop a scientifically sound, ecologically credible and legally responsible plan for protecting the Pacific Northwest's public forests. How splendid it would indeed be if he were to do just that and, in addition, act to preserve all remaining ancient forests.

The environmentalists, as they attempt to slow the destruction of our grand forests, are being accused by the big logging operators of causing the loss of jobs and the resulting displacement of those who labor in the forests. And yet we hear very little about employment opportunities lost as the result of significant quantities of raw logs, rather than finished wood products, being exported to foreign markets.

I do believe that the President ought to do all that he can to keep log processing jobs in the U.S.. We as a nation should provide economic assistance and investment opportunities to the folks living in those communities being affected by what I believe to be a very real need to preserve our natural resources.

I look foward to an encouraging response from your office and a noticeable improvement in my gastro-intestinal condition.

Sincerely,



Nat Sherman

July 7, 1993

Mr. Loren H. Spector
163-B Norfolk Drive
Cardiff by-the-Sea, CA 92007

Dear Mr. Spector:

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Loren H. Spector
163-B Norfolk Drive
Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California 92007

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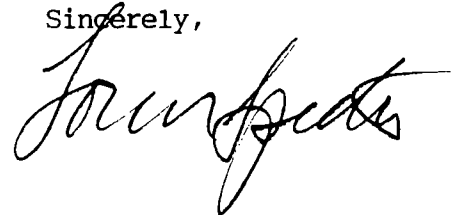
Dear Ms. McGinty,

Please relay to President Clinton my concern 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.

I want to see all remaining ancient forests protected. The export of raw logs should be stopped. Log processing jobs should be kept in the U.S. and only finished wood products should be exported. I cannot understand why this was not done long ago. Economic assistance and investment opportunities should be provided to rural fish and timber communities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Loren H. Spector", written in dark ink.

July 7, 1993

Mr. Glen Smir
Hardwood Specialties
7801 Canoga Avenue #8
Canoga Park, CA 91304

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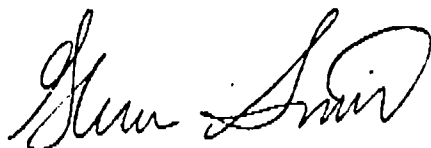
Ms. Katie McGinty
White House Office Of
Environmental Policy

Dear Ms. McGinty

For your information, this administration's decision to go forward with option 9 (reduced harvest levels) may be the last nail in the coffin of this struggling business.

If the recession; increased taxes; more government interference coupled with this insane policy doesn't destroy my business, nothing will. I,m not sure the president is getting accurate information on the lumber issue or he just doesn't care. I think it's the latter.

For the sake of the economy and our business, please encourage the president to reverse his position.



July 7, 1993

Ms. Sarah Wayne Smyth
320 West Bay Drive, Suite 118
Olympia, WA 98502

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LAW OFFICES OF
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PRESS RELEASE
July 1, 1993

Sarah Smyth, General Counsel for Delson Lumber Company of Olympia, Washington, expressed concern over the proposed Forest Plan announced today by the President.

"We have not yet seen the details of the plan, but based on what was outlined by the President today we are very concerned. We would like to be able to support the President's plan as along as it includes the possible survival of the industry as well as true recovery for the spotted owl." Smyth said.

"From what we can see of the Plan so far, it accomplishes neither of these goals. The Plan does not allow for the survival of any of the small mills. The mill capacity in the Northwest is 4 billion board feet of timber a year and the President's proposal is for 1.2 billion in the first year and then it declines over a ten year period."

"That indicates to us that the President (or the Vice President - depending on who is making the decision on this issue) has decided to allow another important manufacturing industry to be exported overseas along with good high quality jobs, while we lock up our natural resources at home."

"The environmentalists are not happy either, because no Ancient Forest Preserves were created as originally contemplated. We had been working on a compromise with environmental groups through Rep. Jolene Unsoeld that called for a three-tiered approach. Tier I - areas to be placed in an Ancient Forest Preserve, Tier II - areas where New Forestry techniques can be tested, Tier III - areas where commercial harvesting could safely resume."

"This plan appears to neither protect the owl nor the rural timber communities. It falls far short of a real solution and has serious repercussions for our faltering housing-led economic recovery."

"Everyone will be effected by the success or failure of this plan, because this will have a grave effect on our ability to provide affordable wood and paper products for our nation."

"The fact that the President proposed an 'economic' package to offset the loss of up to 70,000 high quality jobs shows how little this Administration really understands about rural communities and

diversification of these economies."

"As far as we are concerned, unless this money is directed into retooling the industry rather than retraining its workers for fictitious "ecological service based" jobs, then this is just guilt money thrown out to ease the conscious of those who are supporting this proposal. It is a waste of taxpayer money if it goes to retraining."

"Unfortunately, the President (or the Vice President) did not have the guts to really solve the issue, which would have required that he stand up to the Washington, D.C. lobbyists for large timber companies and national environmental groups and try to address timber management across all lands in the Northwest, not just on federal lands."

"Many of the small mills have retooled to cut second growth from state or private lands long ago. The larger timber companies with mills can use their privately-owned timber for their mills. Instead, these companies export their timber and then try to buy what's left off our national forests to keep their mills going."

"The small mills have retooled to second growth and started purchasing more timber off of private and state lands. Therefore, the small mills need a solution that addresses private and state timber lands as well. Since 65% of the timberland base in Washington State is in private ownership, we had proposed a package of federal tax incentives encouraging these timberland owners to sell to domestic mills rather than overseas."

"However, these tax incentives cannot be a part of the President's proposal, unless he is willing to propose new legislation to implement these tax incentives."

"In addition, the President could have closed, by executive order, the remaining loopholes in the log export laws as they relate to Alaska and order open bidding on the Tongas National Forest which would have greatly helped small mills in the Northwest. This does not appear to be part of the package either."

"Sometimes when everybody seems unhappy with a proposal, it seems that it could be a good compromise. However, in this case, the Administration just plain failed to solve the problem. They lost the momentum and opportunity that was created at the Forest Conference. They went into hiding for many months and developed this plan without a two-way discussion with those affected by the plan."

"Unfortunately, this proposal amounts to another failure for the Clinton Administration and more broken promises to the people of the Northwest. But more importantly, this will result in a severe blow to the forest products industry and the housing and construction industry, which have been the driving force of every economic recovery in the past."

"Just remember that when you go to buy a new house or remodel your existing home and the prices have gone sky high, it is the consequence of this massive set aside of federal timber. We call it the 'owl tax' and President Clinton and Vice President Gore gave it to you and took away good high quality jobs from honest hard working people and threw them peanuts."

"And when you wonder why our standard of living is going down and our taxes are going up, while we create more low quality public sector jobs, just ask the Clinton Administration about their failed economic theories when they want your vote again."

"Remember Mr. President and Mr. Vice President, it's not the environmental vote that got you elected, we are all environmentalists; it's the economy that matters to the majority of hard-working families in this country. And it is those families throughout the nation that will sympathize with the plight of the families in the Northwest."

July 7, 1993

Mr. Dale Staplin
Log Buyer
Meister Log and Lumber Company
1440 Laukant St.
P.O. Box 308
Reedsburg, WI 53959-0308

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June 30, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
The White House Office of Environmental Policy
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms McGinty:

This fax is to strongly state our opposition to your administration adopting Option 9 regarding timber harvesting on our National Forests. We believe Option 9 will have a very negative effect on labor, housing and the general economy. These are the peoples resources you are locking up for the benefit of a small minority, the environmental elitists. By adopting Option 9 you will:

- 1) Reduce the forest resources from this area available to the public by almost 80%.
- 2) Eliminate 85,000 jobs in the Pacific Northwest, as well as many others nationally.
- 3) Dramatically raise the price of homes, at the expense mostly of the lower and middle class.
- 4) Induce a strong negative impact on the overall economy.

Please do not cave into the radical environmental groups. Help keep our natural resources open to the multiple use, and benefit, of our general public.

Thank you,

MEISTER LOG AND LUMBER COMPANY

Dale Staplin
Log Buyer

July 7, 1993

Ms. Kerri E. Scharr
9 Burnham Street
Sumerville, MA 02144

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Environmental Policy

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June 27, 1993

Kerri Scharr
9 Burnham St.
Somerville, MA
02144

Dear Kathie McGuire -

I recently heard that President Clinton will be receiving studies from his scientific teams on the forests in the Northwest. I demand that he support a plan which will hold these forests "in trust for future" generations and not for the timber industry! Please oppose Option #9!! It's important if we are to live, ~~and~~ in clean air! Jobs can be created through other means. Please don't destroy the forests for such a weak excuse!

Sincerely,
Kerri E. Scharr

July 7, 1993

Mr. Clayton R. Smith
President, W.J. Conrad Lumber Company, Inc.
1221 Bayshore Drive
Coos Bay, OR 97420

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W.J. CONRAD LUMBER CO. INC.BUILDING HEADQUARTERS
FOR SOUTHWESTERN OREGON

COOS BAY, OREGON 97420

June 30, 1993

Ms. Katie McInty
White House Office of Environmental Policy

I am writing you to share my concern on the continued reduction of the timber supply permitted our Forest Industry, and the possibility of Option #9 selected.

We, like all the Northwest, feel and see the effects of the unrealistic withdrawal of our valuable renewable resource. No one is more concerned that ourselves about passing on to following generation our beautiful forests and streams. We can do it, and still not destroy our economic base.

We plant more trees than we harvest. — We have over 80 laws insuring protection of our rivers and forests. — We have the highly trained forest and land managers to do the job.

What we don't need is the interference of the courts, non resident special interest groups, and people who are insulated from the day to day reality of the needs to make a living.

I cite you a current example of what unbridled

Private Companies can accomplish. Georgia Pacific is now building a new mill in Cove Bay to process trees on reforested areas they logged 40 years ago. Weyerhaeuser will soon follow. Both of these Companies practice sustainable yield forest management.

Trees are a crop like corn or wheat - only the growing cycle is longer.

Please - do not support Option #9 - and give us a balanced approach. Option #9 cutting volume will destroy jobs, tax bases for our schools and local governments and create lumber shortage and higher wood products costs - America need none of these

Sincerely

Wayton R Smith, Pres

W. J. Conrad Lbr. Co., Inc.

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Ms. Valerie Spence
43 Wapping Road
Kingston, MA 02364-1305

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

Dear Ms. McGinty;

Please discard Option Number Nine. 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 the promises he made at the Forest Conference.

Thank you for your time and attention on this very important matter.

Valerie JL Spence
43 Wapping Road
Kingston, MA 02364-1305

July 7, 1993

Mr. Raymond E. Smith
Director, Colorado Timber Industry Association
465 W. 56th Avenue
Denver, CO 80216

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TO Ms. Katie McGintyFROM Raymond E. Smith

LOCATION _____

LOCATION 465 W. 56th Ave,
Denver, Colorado, 80216SUBJECT Timber Proposal-Administrations
Forest Ecosystem Task GroupDATE/TIME June 30, 1993

Please be advised I am opposed to option #9, which appearantly is the Clinton administrations preferred alternative. This is perhaps the most disastrous of all options. Have we forgotten the health of both our forest land and the aconomic benefit to all of America, not only the people directly effected by wise multiple use management?

We need wise, multiple useage and management of our forests. NO ON OPTION # 9.

Thank you

Raymond E. Smith
Director, Colorado Timber Industry Association

July 7, 1993

Mr. Tom Stead
670 Pine Shadow Court
Longwood, FL 32779

Dear Mr. Stead:

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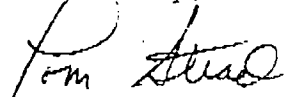
I manage a branch of Huttig Sash & Door Company which is a wholesale building material company employing 30 people in Orlando, Florida. I am writing to you because of the grave concern we have about the timber supply solutions being proposed.

It is my understanding that the President will recommend the passage of "Option 9" as his solution to the current situation in the Pacific Northwest. Option 9 as I understand it would reduce harvest levels on federal lands in those regions to an average of 1.2 billion board feet. This is not acceptable in our opinion and would be far less than the 5.2 billion board feet that has been the historic level.

The president has said one of his biggest priorities is to put people back to work and create jobs. What could he possibly be thinking when Option 9 would cost over 85,00 direct and indirect jobs in that region as well as thousands more across the country. We have all seen the skyrocketing lumber prices this past year due to the constrained lumber supply.

When President Clinton convened the Forest Summit in April, he promised to find a solution. We were hopeful that he would have the courage to give people and jobs a priority in this matter. I never imagined that he and you would suggest a harvest level lower than any figures that were proposed last year by the preservationists. I strongly urge you tell the President not to adopt "Option 9".

Sincerely,



Tom Stead

July 7, 1993

Mr. Jim Smith
Hardwood Sales, Inc.
P.O. Box 1035
Conover, NC 28613

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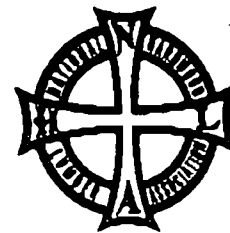
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**HARDWOOD SALES, INC.****P.O. BOX 1035****CONOVER, NC 28613****Phone (704) 465-0040****Fax (704) 465-6616****360****TO:** Ms. Katie McGinty, White House Public Office, Tom Collier, **DATE:** 6-30-93

Jim Lyons

FROM: **Jim Smith****RE:** OPTION 9**INSTRUCTIONS**

If this bill is passed does the Clinton Administration understand that another 70,000 to 95,000 jobs will be lost? Does the administration understand the simple fact that if mature timber or stumpage is not harvested it all falls to the forest floor and decays? This is a 100% waste of one of our few renewable resources.

July 7, 1993

Mr. Jeremiah R. Scott, Jr.
1118 Sixth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Mr. Scott:

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June 30, 1993

Katie McGinty
WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

VIA FAX (202)456-2710

RE: CLINTON OPTIONS FOR EXPANDING NATIONAL
FORESTS AND CURTAILING TIMBER HARVESTS

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

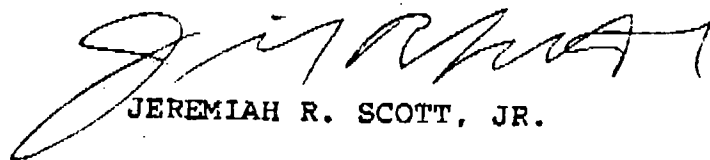
I am a small businessman employing three (3) people.

President Clinton plans to expand the National Redwood Park and curtail or reduce timber harvest in the Northwest is poor planning.

Additional jobs will be lost and the price of timber to build homes will continue to go out of sight. Young people cannot afford to buy a house because of the lack of available lumber.

We do not need your OPTION 9.

Sincerely yours,



JEREMIAH R. SCOTT, JR.

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Mr. James M. Seabourn
51600 Wheeler Road
Anza, CA 92539

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**IT IS NOT,
HOWEVER,
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Jim Seabourn
51600 Wheeler Rd.
Anza, Ca. 92539

FAX DEDICATED NUMBER (909) 763-0209
Voice Line (909) 763-5264

FAX TO: KATIE MCGINTY

FAX Number: 202-456-2710

June 29, 1993

RE: Forest Ecosystem Task Force:

Recent headlines even in Southern California, stated
"Lumber prices up \$5,000.00", this in the article was based on a
1500 square foot home!

Now we are importing logs from foreign countries and pro-
posing to burn down forest in eastern Utah because of government
inefficient management!

I submit that a better method of ending "below cost sales"
is to cut the environmental RED TAPE, expedite the planning
process, and limit appeals!

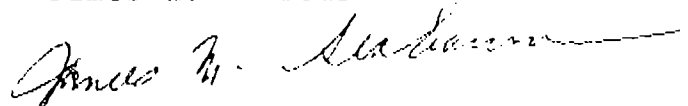
The Government has NEVER been efficient at anything! Millions
of Dollars annually would be saved by returning most public
lands back to private ownership!

A yes vote on option 9 is ludicrous!

FIRE Clinton's gang of 100... the politically correct
scientists! (?)

Private stewardship is and has always been the "Bold and
Creative", that made America The envy of our World, not Government
bureaucrats!

James M. Seabourn


51600 Wheeler Rd.
Anza, Ca. 92539

July 7, 1993

Ms. Darlene Slusher
7720 First Avenue
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

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Sincerely,

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Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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402-456-2710

memo:

June 30, 1993

To: A Massive List of Governmental Gurus:
From: Darlene Siusher, 7720 First Ave, Scottsdale, AZ 85251
Subject: Option 9

Darlene Siusher

Option 9 is not an option !!**** It is a cruel joke to the people of the Northwest, who actually believed President Clinton and Secretary Babbitt when they met for the Summit and committed themselves to a balanced and fair solution. This is none of the above!!!!

I mean 1.2 billion board feet is not even one half of the historic 5.2 billion board feet normally cut in a year.

I wish everyone of you bureaucrats had to go back there again and face those 85,000 people who are timber dependent and explain this "scientific" decision to them. I would like you to explain to them how much better off the world will be, our earth, our ecosystems, and all their children and their grandchildren because of this great decision that is being made. Also don't forget to tell them how much they'll love living somewhere else, and how "environmentally sound" this decision is! ha ha ha ha I'm sure they'll understand that. This is a "green Vietnam" - political suicide.

I wish you were all poor, so that owning a house could never be a fulfilled dream of yours because lumber will be so expensive that you could only afford a tent or live in an apartment for the rest of your life. And lumber will be something that you can only purchase as an imported material from Russia.

I can't really believe this is happening. I keep thinking you people will wake up and see what you are doing to this country. But, the nightmare just gets worse and you people who have opposed Tom Foley, Pete Defazio, Norm Dicks, Mike Kopetski, as well as the Republicans from Oregon and Washington are the ones who should hang your heads for your irresponsible decisions. And then you should remember, *Thank you* what goes around, comes around. I can't wait for it to come around to you. These are not just my feelings. I represent 243 property owners from my homeowner associations, several thousand laborers who build homes, (my son is a home developer), thousands of rural Arizonans and Montanans who ranch and farm, (my father is a rancher) and thousands of timber related jobs, (I work for a lumber manufacturer), and thousands and thousands of union related jobs, (my husband is a political analyst for the Union).

So, if you care at all about making a wise, balanced decision, look at another Option. This one will not serve anyone very well. **HELP US -- DON'T BURY US!!!!!!** Believe me, there will be a back wash like you have never felt before.

July 7, 1993

Mr. John F. Stonhouse
Executive Director, Minnesota Wood Promotion Council
Suite 300 N
1711 W. Cty. Rd. B
Roseville, MN 55113

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Dear Ms. McGinty,

President Clinton's reported preference for the so called "Option 9" forest plan is of great concern to us in the wood products industry. Reduction of harvest levels in Pacific Northwest forests to 1.2 billion bd. ft. places it at just 23% of historic harvest levels.

When per capita wood use in the U.S. has been rising rapidly (up 30% from 1970 to 1987) and population continues to expand, such a precipitous reduction would create enormous problems, both economic and environmental.

In order to meet demand, new sources of supply will be needed to produce the goods sought by consumers. Because it is clear that other U.S. regions will not be able to make up for a supply reduction of the magnitude contemplated, a significant increase in raw material imports is inevitable.

Economically, it is estimated that Option 9 could eliminate about 85,000 jobs in the Pacific Northwest region. Lumber prices will rise, further depressing our fragile economic recovery. In addition, increased imports will worsen our already unfavorable balance of trade, ultimately a national security issue.

Environmentally, this will transfer problems, both real and perceived, to foreign supplier countries. The U.S. is probably in a better position than almost any other nation to handle environmental problems. Why would our policy makers want to export whatever U.S. environmental problems there are to other countries?

Another result with potential negative environmental effects could be development of replacement products made from non renewable resources requiring more energy intensive extraction, manufacturing and transportation.

We appreciate President Clinton's willingness to work hard to identify and make balanced choices relating to issues of job losses and protecting old-growth stands. In this spirit, we ask what we think is a critical question: Is a drastic drop in domestic harvest the way to accomplish this objective?

Sincerely,

John F. Stonhouse
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Executive Director

July 7, 1993

Mr. W.S. Stimpson
P.O. Box 413
Mobile, Alabama 26601

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WM. SANDYS STIMPSON

P. O. BOX 413

MOBILE, ALABAMA 36601

July 1, 1993

BY FAX (202) 456-2710

Ms. Katie McGinty
The White House Office
of Environmental Policy
Washington, DC

It has been brought to my attention that the administration is seriously considering the implementation of "Option 9", a severely restrictive management regime to resolve the Pacific Northwest/Northern California forest management crisis.

I am of the opinion that this an unsatisfactory resolution to the problem and strongly urge you to oppose this proposal.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Sandy Stimpson in cursive script.

W. S. (Sandy) Stimpson

WSS/tn

July 7, 1993

Mr. David E. Swett
Mr. Michael W. Dully
James River Corporation
Premium Printing Papers Group
145 James Way
Southampton, PA 18966

Dear Mr. Swett and Mr. Dully:

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DAVID E. SWETT
Director of Operations

July 1, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
The White House
Office of Environmental Policy
360 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Ms. McGinty:

On behalf of the 100 employees here at James River's Southampton, Pennsylvania location, I implore you to advise the President to reject OPTION 9 of the Forest Ecosystem Task Group.

OPTION 9 is not a balanced, fair solution to the timber supply crisis in the Pacific Northwest:

It will dismantle our lumber and paper industries there, costing 85,000 direct and indirect jobs;

1.2 billion board feet annual harvest on federal forestlands is unacceptable given the federal presence, acreage and responsibility in the region;

Negotiations with all parties must resume to reach a balanced solution.

Sincerely,

DES/mb

July 7, 1993

Mr. Rob Shicet
P.O. Box 696
Leavenworth, WA 98826

Dear Mr. Shicet:

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CAMPAIGN TO SAVE THE ANCIENT FORESTS

The Western Ancient Forest Campaign

Dear Mrs. McGinty

As a resident of the Pacific Northwest, I urge you to protect our remaining Northwest 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 federal 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

My Street
12345
Hammock, WA 98826

July 7, 1993

Mr. Royd Sonnerend, Jr.
80 Clarkview Place
Decatur, Illinois 62521

Dear Mr. Sonnerend:

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Ms. Katie McGinty
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It is noted the Clinton Administration has changed direction in spite of facts brought out in President Clinton's conference with Pacific Northwest Labor and management in the forest products industry. The Option 9, now being considered, is indirectly opposed to good forestry practice and our improving economy.

Over mature forests are not beautiful. An over-matured tree is ripe for nature's harvest through blow-downs, insect damage, rot, etc.

Option 9 will reduce harvest lands on federal forest lands in the Pacific Northwest to 1-2 billion B.F., 23% below the historical level of 5.2 billion B.F. annually.

Option 9 will cost over \$5,000 direct and indirect jobs in this single region.

Option 9 will shift a demand on the timber supplies of the South, Central and East forest lands in crisis levels.

Option 9 will impact lumber pricing to levels risking the improving economy.

Please re-open the dialogue for a more balanced proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Roy L. Townsend, Jr.
80 Chebrier Place
Alcatraz, CA 94521

July 7, 1993

Mr. Michael T. Shikany
11224 9th Place West, #4
Everett, WA 98204

Dear Mr. Shikany:

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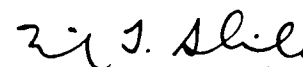
Katie McGinty
Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building Room 358
Washington, DC 20501

6/24/93

Dear Katie McGinty:

As a resident of Everett, Washington and an avid hiker and mountain climber, I have witnessed the extensive devastation due to the clear cutting in the Washington Cascades. It is a very rare occasion to attain a summit and not see a clear cut. The current cutting levels must be stopped. If not, most of the viable old growth timber will not sustain the timber industry for another 10 or 20 years. Thus, I support a permanent old growth forest reserve, to help preserve the remnants of this magnificent ecosystem. Please have the foresight and wisdom to support the old growth forest preserve. The eradication of the remaining old growth forests is hardly a legacy to leave for future generations. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Michael T. Shikany

11224 9th Place West, #4
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Ms. Charlotte Schaeffer
1215 E. Washington St.
Bloomington, IL 61701

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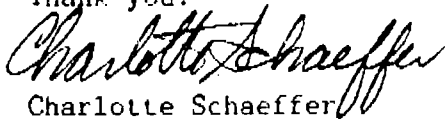
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June 23, 1993

Ms Katie McGinty:
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
202/456-2710 (fax)

As an Audubon member and a strong advocate of preserving and protecting the environment, I would like to express my concern about President Clinton's forest plan. Please advise him to discard option number nine. Create a plan that creates permanent ancient forest reserves, not reserves in which logging is permitted. Also, the President's plan must obey existing environmental laws; there should be no "sufficiency" language in the President's proposal. Please urge President Clinton to live up to the promises he made at the Forest Conference.

Thank you.


Charlotte Schaeffer

July 7, 1993

Mr. Marc Schiller
10817 Whipple Street
North Hollywood, CA 91602

Dear Mr. Schiller:

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Marc Schiller

June 26, 1993

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Via Fax 202-456-2710

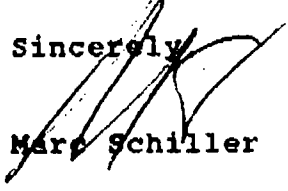
Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing to you to strongly urge that the Clinton Administration hold to its promise to develop a scientifically sound, ecologically credible and legally responsible plan for protecting the Pacific Northwest's public forests. It is my understanding that all remaining ancient forests will be protected and that the export of raw logs will be stopped.

I would like to urge that the President keep the log processing jobs here in America and export only the finished wood products.

I would also like to urge that you continue economic assistance and investment opportunities be provided to rural fish and timber related communities in the Northwest.

Sincerely,



Marc Schiller

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(818) 985-9557 Phone/Fax

July 7, 1993

Ms. Johanna J. Spann
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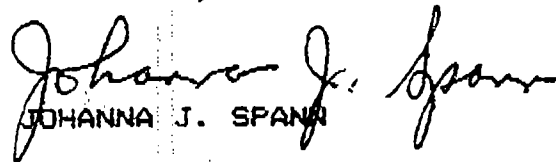
MS. KATIE MCGINTY
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

DEAR MS. MCGINTY:

I AM WRITING TO YOU TODAY TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS ABOUT OUR REMAINING NORTHWEST ANCIENT FORESTS. THESE FORESTS ARE A PART OF OUR HERITAGE AND IT IS HEARTBREAKING TO THINK WE MIGHT LOSE THEM TO THE TIMBER COMPANIES AND THEIR SHORT SIGHTED GOALS. I VOTED FOR PRESIDENT CLINTON AND I AM VERY HAPPY WE FINALLY HAVE AN ADMINISTRATION WHICH UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF SAVING AND PROTECTING OUR NATURAL WORLD. THEREFORE, I URGE YOU TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE PROMISES MADE AT THE FOREST CONFERENCE, SUCH AS CREATING PERMANENT ANCIENT FOREST RESERVES, NOT RESERVES IN WHICH LOGGING IS PERMITTED. ALSO, I URGE YOU TO DISCARD THE OPTION NUMBER NINE PLAN.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW ONE OF OUR LAST NATURAL TREASURES TO BE THE NEXT VICTIM OF EXTINCTION. I HOPE YOU WILL DO ALL YOU CAN TO GIVE OUR FORESTS THE PROTECTION THEY NEED BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

SINCERELY,


JOHANNA J. SPANNA

July 7, 1993

Mr. Jonathan Skurnik
581 Tenth Street
Brooklyn, NY 11215

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Facsimile

Date: June 25, 1993

To: 1. Katie McGinty, Dep. Asst. to the Pres., Dir., Office of Environmental Policy.
2. Tom Collier, Chief of Staff, Dept. of Interior.
3. Jim Lyons, Asst. Sec. for Natural Resources and Env. Dept. of Agriculture.

From: Jonathan Skurnik
581 Tenth Street
Brooklyn, NY 11215-4401
(718) 499-2829

Subject: The ancient forest of America and Option Nine

Concerning the recently proposed Option Nine and other Presidential actions concerning ancient forests of this country, specifically in the Pacific Northwest where most of the remaining tracts still survive, I as a concerned and responsible global citizen demand that the following points are followed in any plan for Ancient Forests of America:

- Discard Option Number Nine.
 - 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.
 - Any option selected must maintain the ancient forest ecosystem and the viability of fish and wildlife species dependent on that ecosystem.
 - The Eastside forests of Washington, Oregon and Northern California must be a part of the plan.
 - Communities must receive assistance to facilitate the transition to more balanced, sustainable economies.
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July 7, 1993

Ms. Tami Sobel
5807 1st Avenue, N.E.
Seattle, WA 98105

Dear Ms. Sobel:

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Director, White House Office on
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TO: Senator Patty Murray
Rep. Jim McDermott
CC: Katie McGinty

RE: White House Forest Conference; Plan for Northwest Ancient Forests

DTE: June 21, 1993

I am concerned about the anticipated Presidential approval of "Option 9", and whether this option meets the preservation goals espoused by the President and urgently necessary to prevent substantial and permanent loss of one of the region's (and world's) greatest natural resources.

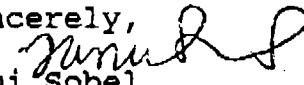
I feel the following elements are critical to a viable forest plan:

1. Creation of permanent ancient forest reserves where no logging is permitted;
2. The plan must attain a "very high" probability of maintaining the ancient forest ecosystem and the fish and wildlife dependent on that ecosystem.
3. The plan must include the Eastside forests of Washington, Oregon, and Northern California
4. Communities should receive assistance to facilitate the transition to a more balanced, sustainable economy.

Also, I am very concerned that the NEPA process will be circumvented, and frankly, I don't understand how this is possible when the "raison d'etre" of NEPA is to include in "every recommendation or report on proposals for legislation and other major Federal actions significantly affecting the environment" a detailed statement of environmental impact, including alternative propositions, and explicit information on "any irreversible or irretrievable commitments of resources" involved in such legislation or policy. (42 U.S.C. s. 4332).

Please advise the Administration and Congress that many of your constituents do not support Option 9 and firmly maintain that ancient forest preservation is of the utmost importance, and that circumventing NEPA's requirements is a grave injustice against the democratic process, and ultimately serves irreversible injustice to the Earth, upon which our survival rests.

Sincerely,


Tami Sobel
5807 1st Ave. N.E
Seattle, WA 98105
Member, The Mountaineers,
Conservation Education
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July 7, 1993

Mr. Ernest J. Stebbins
Executive Manager
National Hardwood Lumber Assn.
P.O. Box 34518
Memphis, TN 38184

Dear Mr. Stebbins:

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Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

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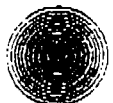
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June 28, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty

The White House Office of Environmental Policy: 202-456-2710

RE: Option 9 Will Destroy PNW Forest Management

Dear Ms. McGinty:

If the White House adopts and attempts to administratively employ Option 9 to the crisis in Forest Management in the Pacific Northwest—Washington, Oregon, northern California—then the result will be that professional forest management on national forests will be effectively eliminated. This event will signal the victory of preservation over conservation; the victory of emotional outcry over common sense and scientific management. It will indicate that the Clinton Administration has no conception of the real meaning of forestry, nor the importance of forest products to our nation's communities and our economy as a whole. This is not a compromise, but an effective surrender to professional environmental lobbyists and special interest groups who hold the belief that trees are more important than people and that man has no place in the forest ecosystems of our country.

Here is what Option 9 means:

- Loss of 85,000 forest workers jobs
- Spending \$1.5 billion retraining workers. But retraining for what other jobs in rural communities?
- Loss of 10% of the nation's annual lumber supply. Where will the wood come from? How can we afford to build homes without wood?
- Slashing sustained yield timber harvests levels from 5 billion BF to 1.2 billion BF. Do we need to grow 5 times as much wood as we harvest each year? Can we afford it?

There is no balance in Option 9. It is a 100% preservationist position. It provides nothing for those rural communities in Washington, Oregon, and northern California, and nothing for the American people except the perception that they somehow have solved the problem. I am asking you to stand up for common sense and balance to the Pacific Northwest timber crisis, and not knuckle under. Do not adopt Option 9.

Yours truly,

Ernest J. Stebbins
Executive Manager

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July 7, 1993

Ms. Susan Shively Stuchlak
8723 W. Chester Pike
Upper Darby, PA 19082

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SUSAN SHIVELY STUHLAK
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June 23, 1993

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

RE: Preservation of Northwest Ancient Forest Ecosystems

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing to you to urgently request that you advise President Clinton to maintain the position he adopted in the Forest Conference, rejecting Option Number Nine and any compromise that would favor logging interests. Any plan that he proposes should create permanent ancient forest reserves, with no logging whatever permitted and it should obey existing environmental laws, with no "sufficiency" language included.

It is absolutely essential that he remain committed to a scientific and objective program of forest management rather than giving in to the pressure of special interests. I understand that it is very difficult to do so, but there is no room for error with our ancient forests: if he accedes to the demands of the logging interests, we have irrevocably lost a treasure that has an inalienable right to exist.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Shively Stuchlak

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July 7, 1993

Ms. Joan Sims
Route 5, Box 310 1/2
Morgantown, WV 26505

Dear Ms. Sims:

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Route 5, Box 310 1/2
Morgantown, WV 26505
(304) 296-8860
June 23, 1993

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing you to voice the opinions of the citizens who belong to Downstream Alliance, a network of seven community watershed associations in northern West Virginia. West Virginia and other Appalachian states, including Pennsylvania, were devastated by coal mining environmental abuses during the Reagan and Bush Administrations because the Federal Office of Surface Mining was corrupted and influenced by ruthless elements in the coal mining industry, who resisted any attempts to regulate their activities.

We have seen many citizens forced out of their houses and off their property when coal mining subsidence destroyed their homes and dried up their wells and springs. The Office of Surface Mining refused to force the coal companies to compensate these citizens for this mass destruction of their lives and property. The streams that flow through our communities are now orange and dead, and our well waters cannot be used. This is due to the OSM's refusal to create and enforce regulations that would have protected citizens from this massive coal mining pollution damage. How can we attract industries to West Virginia, if we have nothing to offer but orange creeks, dried up water supplies, and damaged houses?

That is all over now, with President Clinton's "New Promise" to the citizens of our Country, right? Well, maybe not. A lawyer named Robert Uram is being considered to head the new OSM under the Clinton leadership. His resume seems to indicate that he is proud of his mining cases in New Mexico. His main accomplishment there seems to have been PREVENTING mining companies from having to RECLAIM properly, and ALLOWING them to AVOID paying fines or penalties, even when they had a serious "pattern of violations."

Why in the world would we citizens want this fox to guard our communities' henhouses, and WHAT has happened to Clinton and Gore's "New Promise" to the citizens of our country? If we had wanted this type of regulators, we might as well have voted for George Bush! We are asking you to please urge President Clinton to appoint BRUCE BOYENS to head the OSM. He is a leading contender for the position, and he would enforce the federal mining laws and regulations in a FAIR and consistent way. Do the coal mining companies like him? Some of them do not. They are used to being able to mine in an irresponsible manner if they see fit, with a federal OSM that would look the other way most of the time. It is time for the citizens to be represented too at the OSM, for a change. We have suffered enough, and it is time for a change. Clinton said during his campaign, "We can do better." Please urge him to do better, and appoint Bruce Boyens to head the OSM.

Thank you for your help in protecting our citizens from the abuses that result from irresponsible coal mining practices.

Sincerely,

Joan Sims
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July 7, 1993

Mr. Donald L. Smith, Sr.
Bowman, Inc.
8301 South University
Lubbock, TX 79423

Dear Mr. Smith:

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July 1, 1993

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

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I own Bowman Inc., a retail lumber and building material store in Lubbock, San Angelo and Brownwood, all in Texas. I am writing to you out of a serious concern for myself, my employees and my customers. Now we are in desperate need of an adequate sustainable timber supply. This past spring we all saw the impact of an artificially constrained timber supply with the skyrocketing lumber prices. 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 very 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 1.2 billion board feet. This is down from the level of 5.2 billion board feet. In addition it would cost over 85,000 direct and indirect jobs in the region as well as tens of thousands more construction jobs throughout the United States and dramatically affect lumber prices risking the fragile recovery of the nation's economy.

In April when President Clinton convened the Forest Summit, 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 urge the President not to adopt "Option 9".

Very truly yours,

Bowman Inc.

Donald L. Smith Sr.

Donald L. Smith, Sr. COB

July 7, 1993

Ms. Katherine Sturm-Rauing
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, PA 19081

Dear Ms. Sturm-Rauing:

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6-27-93

Katharine Sturm-Raming
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore PA 19081

To Kathie McGinty,

I have recently heard about the "option 9" concerning the North Western Ancient Forest. As a biologist and a concerned environmentalist, I urge you to consider other options that do not require large scale forest depletion. Forests are a vital part of our ecosystem and not easily replaceable. We have to stop considering trees as "money making" raw material and realize their position as one of our basic necessity for life on this earth.

Stop depleting our forests, it will benefit all of us.

Sincerely,

Kathy Sturm-Raming

July 7, 1993

Ms. Rosemary Sean
P.O. Box 61
Louisville, SC 29070

Dear Ms. Sean:

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Dear Mrs. McEnty,

6/22/93

Please encourage Pres. Clinton to keep his
pledge of developing a Pacific Northwest
forest plan that is scientifically sound,
& follows existing environmental laws.
All the remaining ^{ancient} forests must be protec-
ted; exporting of raw logs must be
stopped also. Please advise him of
these concerns. Thank you.

Rosemary Sean
PO Box 611
Levell, SC 29070

July 7, 1993

Mr. Dale Synder
13505 - 295th Street
Lindstrom, MN 55045

Dear Mr. Synder:

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July 1, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
The White House Office of Environmental Policy
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I understand the President is about to announce a "compromise solution" to the issue of timber harvest in the Pacific Northwest, which entails a reduction of the historical level of the harvest by 77%. I fail to understand the necessity for such a severe change, especially when timber is a renewable resource.

As a supporter of Mr. Clinton and an employee in the lumber industry, I urge you to reconsider. A change of this magnitude does not sound like a compromise to me at all.

If the reason for this change is the concern for the loss of old growth forest, all you have to do is set enough aside and leave the rest for a reasonable, rotated harvest where replanting is done.

It really seems quite simple to me. I've been to parts of the world where the hills and mountains have been denuded of trees, and NOONE, especially lumber industry people who make their livelihood from trees, wants that.

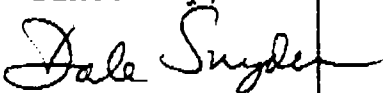
Of ALL things, trees can be replanted, restored, regrown, in a scientific and carefully managed way to allow for genuine care of the effects of harvesting, whether it's concern for endangered species of animals or birds, erosion, aesthetics, or whatever. There are plenty of people who care for these things as well as the continuous use of trees for the well-being of our citizens. The inflationary impact on the cost of new housing has already been very high, due as much to speculation about your policy as anything. You must know about this. Think of how much worse it will be with a policy reducing harvest by 77%.

PLEASE give more thought and study before you push such a policy. I hate the Congressional gridlock the President has continued to face almost as much as you must hate it. And you are sure to have a lot more with a policy such as this.

SINCE TREES ARE A RENEWABLE RESOURCE, HOW DOES THIS POLICY MAKE ANY SENSE?? I would expect a reduction by 23% of the harvest, the reverse of what you are suggesting, would be difficult enough to handle and more like a true compromise than such a radical 77% reduction.

Remember, I am a SUPPORTER of Mr. Clinton's AND VERY concerned about the environment. But this policy just doesn't make sense.

Sincerely,



Dale Snyder
13505 - 295th St.
Lindstrom, MN 55045

July 7, 1993

Mr. Gary V. Smith
1839 NW Woodland
Corvallis, Oregon 97330

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Ms. Anna L. Shields
Sunset Wire Rope Co.
P.O. Box 1083
518 Marine Drive
Port Angeles, WA 98362

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Mr. Jim Stover
P.O. Box 11199
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 1993

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Slavin & Stauffacher
48 Woodruff Avenue
P.O. Box A
Watertown, CT 06795

Dear Mr. Stauffacher:

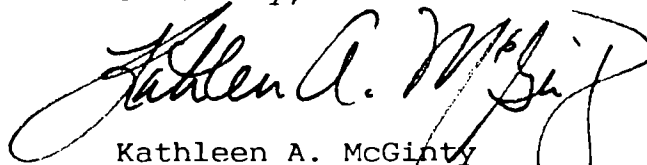
Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about liability of toxic waste cleanup under Superfund.

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,

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

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SLAVIN & STAUFFACHER

ATTORNEYS AT LAW
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June 15, 1993

Ms. Katie McGinty
Environmental Advisor to President Bill Clinton
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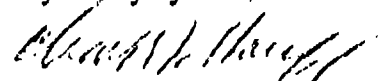
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I am the Watertown Town Attorney. Watertown is a municipality of 23,000 people in Litchfield County, Connecticut. The town, and its housing authority have been involved for many years as third party defendants in the Laurel Park Landfill superfund litigation. This lawsuit has cost the town thousands of dollars in legal fees to local and special counsel, and extensive administrative time dealing with the "municipal group" and its liaison counsel.

The basis for Watertown's involvement in the litigation is the claim that municipal solid waste ("MSW") constitutes a "hazardous substance" under CERCLA. First, this assertion is not true. Second, the third party plaintiffs in the Laurel Park case have neither alleged nor proven that MSW generators and/or transporters are responsible for the deposition of any hazardous substance. They have relied on unsupported "expert opinion" that MSW contains certain generic substances that, when landfilled, leach hazardous substances.

I am writing to request that you release an EPA municipal settlement policy that will acknowledge the miniscule contribution to pollution represented by MSW and permit the towns, cities and taxpayers across the country to get out of these suits at a nominal cost. Specifically, please revive the strategy that allocates no more than four percent of clean up cost to MSW generators and transporters.

Very truly yours,


Charles D. Stauffacher

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Mr. R.J. Scanlon
Vice President, Corporate Affairs
Kemira, Inc.
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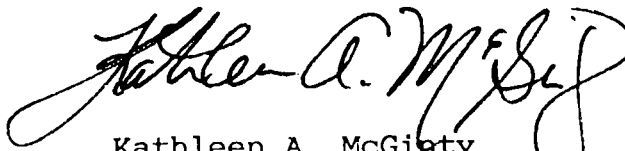
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June 17, 1993

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

Dear Ms. McGinty:

It has just come to my attention that the Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing the issue of exempting municipalities from Superfund liability, or the capping of their potential liability. I am strongly opposed to any effort to create special exemptions from Superfund liabilities.

It is obvious from the results of the Superfund program to date that the entire program is in need of reform. There is way too much money wasted on litigation in the existing program, and creating special exemptions will likely exacerbate this problem.

A public advisory group has recently been commissioned by EPA to study the problems of Superfund. I was under the impression that one of their focus topics was to be the question of municipal liability, and that they were to report in the Fall. A pre-mature pronouncement on one of their topics will create a sense of futility amongst the members which could likely impact their entire effort.

Exempting municipalities will have the effect of shifting multi billions of dollars in clean up liability onto an already economically troubled private sector, stifling business growth and potentially bankrupting many small businesses.

I urge the EPA to reform the Superfund program to make it more equitable and workable. Creating special exemptions is contrary to reform.

Sincerely,

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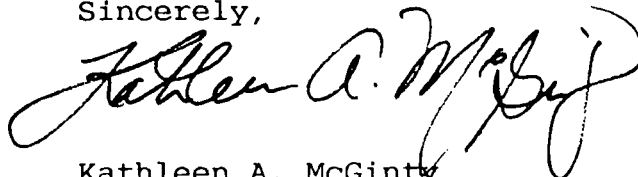
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ORIN R. SMITH
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June 17, 1993

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Dear Ms. McGinty:

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Exempting municipalities would only worsen this troubled program and hinder the process of comprehensive reform. This sort of special-interest relief would create even more friction and more litigation and delay among those left to absorb the liability of the cities that escaped the program.

Exempting municipalities would result in a multi-billion dollar shift in liabilities from the cities to non-municipal parties, including the federal government. Such a shift would seriously harm industries trying to compete internationally, could bankrupt smaller companies, and increase the federal government's cleanup costs.

One exemption would only result in demands for many more types of special treatment. If our national Superfund program has become so sweeping, so stringent, so expensive that we cannot justify it to our local governments, then the situation cries out for comprehensive reform, not piece-meal carve-outs. This view is shared by a broad coalition of large industries, small businesses, non-profit organizations (e.g., universities), and municipal owners/operators of landfills.

We are totally opposed to special relief for cities or any other special interest without comprehensive reform for everyone.

Sincerely,


Orin R. Smith

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Mr. Jack Slinger
Vice President
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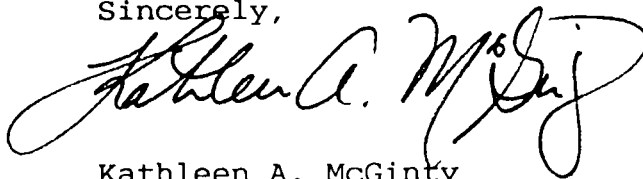
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June 17, 1993

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Director, Office on Environmental Policy
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RE: SUPERFUND LIABILITY

Dear Ms. McGinty:

We have just learned that the EPA is reviewing options for exempting municipalities from Superfund liability or capping their liability.

Being a member of the chemical industry, WE ARE DEFINITELY OPPOSED TO ANY SPECIAL RELIEF FOR CITIES WITHOUT COMPREHENSIVE REFORM FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED. We feel that if the cities were exempted, the increased cost would be an unfair and unreasonable financial burden to many companies, even bankrupting some smaller ones.

We would support a comprehensive reform to the Superfund Project, but definitely not a piece-meal individual exemption as proposed for municipalities.

Please contact Administrator Browner at the EPA as soon as possible to advise her of our position. We understand she may announce the Agency's decision on June 19, just several days from now.

The Honorable Carol M. Browner
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jack Slinger
Vice President - Technical

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cc: Frederick Webber - CMA
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 1993

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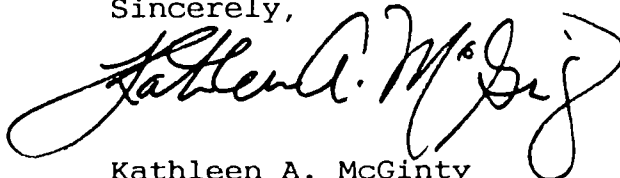
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June 17, 1993

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Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office on
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Dear Ms. McGinty:

I have just learned that U.S. EPA is continuing to consider a Superfund exemption or liability cap for municipalities.

We are very much opposed to such a change. The municipal share of liability at Superfund sites is at least \$15 billion and growing. Exempting municipalities would reduce the incentive for EPA to contain cleanup costs at these landfills, open the door for other special-interest concessions and undermine the process of comprehensive reform.

This is especially unsettling since EPA recently formed a public advisory committee to review Superfund's problems, including municipal liability. The committee's recommendations are due in the fall. To exempt municipalities now indicates the EPA is not committed to public review.

Shifting billions of dollars in liabilities to non-municipal parties would place industries at a disadvantage in the international marketplace, could bankrupt smaller companies, and increase the federal government's cleanup costs.

If the Superfund program has become so unwieldy that it cannot be justified to local governments, then comprehensive reform is the answer — not special-interest carve-outs.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 1993

Mr. Ronald L. Spraetz
Vice President, External Affairs
National Starch and Chemical Co.
10 Finderne Avenue
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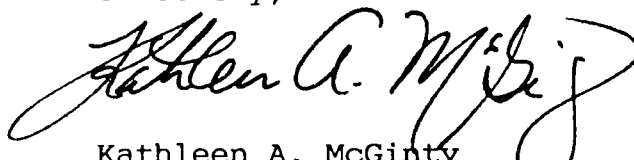
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RONALD L. SPRAETZ
VICE PRESIDENT
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

June 18, 1993

SENT VIA FAX

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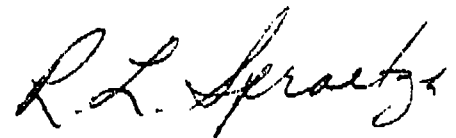
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As part of the corporate manufacturing sector in this country, it is critical that we not further impede our ability to compete by strangling manufacturing with unfair impositions.

Sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 1993

Mr. Joseph M. Saggese
Chairman, President & CEO
BCP Management, Inc.
180 Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Mr. Saggese:

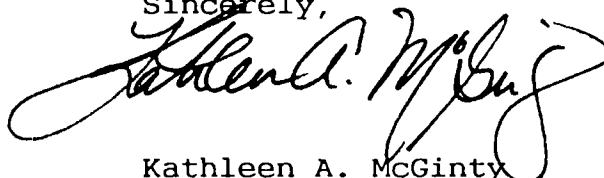
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JOSEPH M. SAGGESE
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June 16, 1993

Ms. Kathleen A. McGinty
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Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: Municipality Exemption From
Superfund Liability

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Borden, Inc. is a "potentially responsible party" in more than forty (40) Superfund sites in the United States. While many of those involve solid wastes from food and dairy processing sites or only empty bags, we are called upon to pay a volumetric share of clean up costs because our wastes came in contact with hazardous waste in the nation's landfills. **Municipalities should be treated no differently.**

Borden believes Superfund needs reforming because too much money is being spent to administer, rather than clean up, these Superfund sites. If the cost is too high for municipalities to bear, then legislative reform, not exemptions or caps on liability, is the answer. Special interest relief would only open the floodgates for all who feel they need special consideration and make the administrative costs even higher.

What has happened to the "Public Advisory Committee" E.P.A. was supposed to appoint to investigate this problem and report back in the Fall of 1993? Was this announcement a sincere effort to address the issues openly? We had understood this Administration was committed to open dialogue.

In a time of extraordinary economic pressure on the business sector, the last thing we need is to pick up the tab for municipal liability at Superfund sites. It is difficult enough to face possible new taxes, higher energy costs and inflation without shouldering more clean up costs. Borden may

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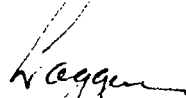
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We are simply asking that the Administration not act precipitously in this matter. The legislative process should not be preempted in this very far-reaching decision-making process. Please allow Superfund reform to have the fullest possible airing of the chronic problems and the potential solutions.

Sincerely,

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Joseph M. Saggese

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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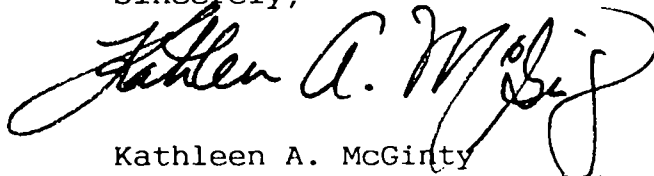
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ARTHUR R. SIGEL
PRESIDENT AND
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VIA FAX

June 17, 1993

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Director, Office on
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Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Exempting municipalities from Superfund liability or capping their liability is, in my opinion, a very poor response to the problems of Superfund. I strongly urge you to orient your policy and activities toward a fix of the fundamental problems with Superfund, rather than shifting the burden to a smaller number of parties.

As a chemical manufacturer, we have been involved in the successful remediation of several Superfund sites. It is an expensive and difficult process, but it can be done. The costs involved have been a major part of our spending, spending which we were then forced to pass along to our customers whenever that was possible.

Spending on Superfund sites limits the growth of our economy. I know that because it limits the growth of my company. That means I hire fewer people.

Please do not put a greater burden on those of us who are paying these bills, getting this job done.

Sincerely,

Arthur R. Sigel
President and
Chief Executive Officer

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 1993

Mr. Darren Starr
Superintendent of Solid
Waste Management
City of Grand Junction
250 North Fifth Street
Grand Junction, CO 81501

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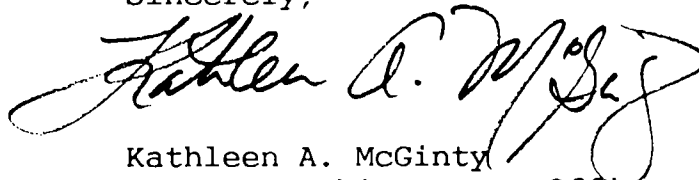
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June 9, 1993

City of Grand Junction, Colorado
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Katie McGinty
Environmental Advisor
to the President
Fax #202-456-2710

Dear Ms. McGinty:

We are writing to urge the Administration to take one crucial step that could help accomplish President Clinton's goal of getting the lawyers out of the Superfund process and proceeding with the nation's toxic waste cleanup effort. Please release an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidance that will relieve local governments such as ours in addition to small businesses, and citizens of the crushing burden of private party lawsuits designed to shift billions of dollars of cleanup costs from polluting industries to the general taxpayer.

Across the country, entities that polluted Superfund sites are seeking to spread their cleanup costs to cities and counties, small businesses, and individual citizens. The theory of these cases is that sending ordinary household garbage and sewage sludge to a superfund site is enough to trigger staggering liability under the law, even though industrial hazardous waste and not household waste is the reason expensive cleanups are necessary. At a time when scores of local governments and small businesses are struggling to avert fiscal collapse, provide vital services, and remain competitive, this potential liability poses an unforeseen and unjustified threat to their survival.

Last year the EPA career staff prepared an excellent guidance document commonly known as the four percent solution which was designed to spur reasonable settlements of such cases. This guidance was killed by the Bush White House after a lobbying blitz by polluting industries. The Clinton Administration now has an opportunity to correct this misguided decision. Please act today to help America's counties, cities, towns, small businesses, and citizens by placing the financial burden for this polluting on the entities who are responsible for it.

Very truly yours,

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Darren Starr

Superintendent of Solid Waste Management

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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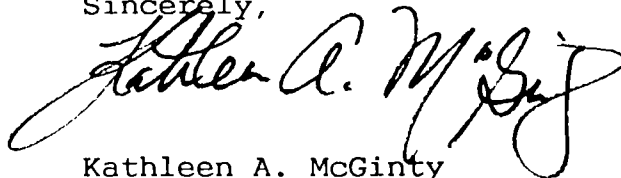
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Kathleen A. McGinty
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Cardolite Corporation



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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, DC 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am contacting you on behalf of the chemical industry of which my company, Cardolite Corporation, is a member. There is currently a vital issue up for review by the EPA which will affect this industry. They are reviewing options for exempting municipalities from Superfund liability or capping their liability.

There are several reasons why this is significant. First, the municipal share of liability at Superfund sites is at least \$15 billion and likely to grow. Also, the incentive for the EPA to contain cleanup costs at these landfills would be lost if the cities were exempted. Finally, if the EPA were to exempt municipalities, it is likely other groups would then demand their own special-interest carve-outs and the process of comprehensive reform would be undermined.

Cardolite Corporation is opposed to any special relief for cities without comprehensive reform for everyone.

Sincerely,

A.M. Stonis
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 1993

Mr. Ley S. Smith
The Upjohn Company
7000 Portage Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

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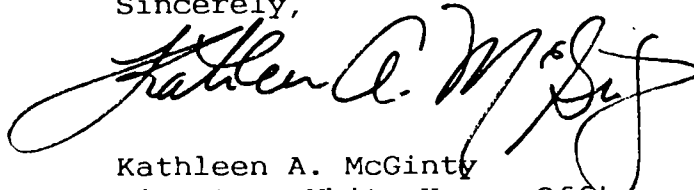
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LEY S. SMITH
*President and
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TELEPHONE: (616) 323-4471

June 24, 1993

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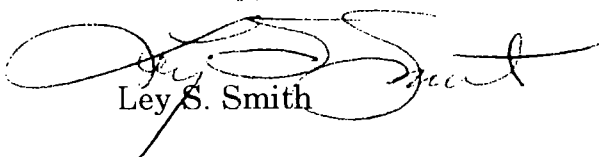
Dear Ms. McGinty:

I have reviewed the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) June 23 Superfund administrative initiatives, and while I am pleased EPA did not include a municipal liability exemption, I would like to express my concern that EPA may, in the future, adopt a policy exempting municipalities from Superfund liability. Presently, 230 of the 1,184 Superfund sites listed by the EPA are municipal landfills and hundreds of additional municipal landfills are likely to become Superfund sites in the future.

Superfund is generally recognized as a program in need of change, however, the solution must be responsible reform, not piece-meal "carve-outs". Preferential treatment of municipalities would only worsen this deeply troubled program and hinder the process of developing comprehensive reform. The inherent inequity of the Superfund policy is only heightened by exempting liable parties based merely on their identity. Such a carve out fails to take into account the long-term costs and complexities of waste site remediation.

The Upjohn Company supports reforming Superfund to enable the program to fulfill its goal of remediating priority sites, however, exempting Potentially Responsible Parties from liability on the basis of political status would not serve to improve the effectiveness of the Superfund program. We therefore urge the Administration not to exempt municipalities from Superfund liability.

Sincerely,



Ley S. Smith

THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 20, 1993

Mr. Dale F. Sorget
Director, Government Relations
North American Appliance Group
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

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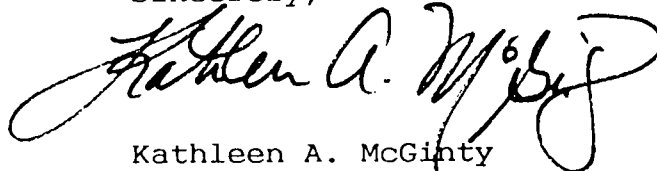
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June 24, 1993

Ms. Kathleen A. McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office on Environmental Policy
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Whirlpool Corporation understands the U.S. EPA intends to establish a new Superfund policy that would cap municipal liability at four percent of a Superfund site's cleanup cost. We oppose this action on several grounds.

Municipal Carve Outs. The legislative record for the Comprehensive Emergency Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) shows that **Congress fully intended that local governments pay their fair share of cleanup costs.** Later, in 1986, Congress revisited this issue, and set parameters in the Superfund Amendments Reauthorization Act (SARA), articulating specific exemptions and liability guidelines for local governments. While Congress gave local governments some special treatment in SARA, they were never as broad as currently being proposed by EPA.

Inequity of Program. Capping local governments' share of liability, of course, means that remaining PRPs must pick up a larger portion of cleanup costs. If some pay less, others will pay more. Under "strict, joint and several" liability, profitable companies like Whirlpool will likely be forced to absorb an even greater portion of the burden. **Consumers ultimately pay the cost in inflation-adjusted retail prices** (to the extent market conditions permit pass through of costs!).

MSW Pose Hazards. Local governments argue that municipal solid wastes are comparatively less hazardous than industrial wastes, and thus should assume lesser liability. But the facts tell a different story. Whirlpool is involved in two site cleanups where "non-hazardous" MSW wastes constitute approximately one-third of the cleanup cost--well above the 4 percent cap being proposed.

Moreover, massive volumes of residential wastes (e.g. food and yard wastes, etc.) dumped by local governments in landfills across the nation--known to generate highly explosive methane gas--can account for a major share of cleanup costs. Why should Whirlpool have to pay remediation costs for hazards we didn't generate?

Municipalities Don't Lack Resources. Local governments often argue they lack the financial means to pay their full share. We disagree. They, like other entities, must go to their customers--that is, the taxpayers, who use the service. In fact, governments' ability to collect revenue is more absolute (and predictable) than is Whirlpool's to collect for the same costs through higher product prices--prices forever scrutinized in today's competitive appliance marketplace.

Unauthorized Change. We question EPA's legal footing when it deliberately recharacterizes CERCLA and SARA to substantiate such a far-reaching program change. Make no mistake: the legislative record contains several instances where Congress clearly intended that local governments should also shoulder their fair share of cleanup costs.

We recognize there may be circumstances that warrant separate consideration for municipalities. However, rather than arbitrarily extend favored treatment to one PRP (to the detriment of all others), we believe that only Congress is empowered to establish a separate program.

It's our understanding that the concept of a distinct municipal superfund program has already been suggested by the Landfill Solutions Group--a consortium of state environmental agency representatives, local government superfund site owners, businesses, etc. This approach may have promise. It deserves more study.

At the same time, EPA has announced the formation of internal groups to review this matter and offer recommendations. **We strongly urge EPA to withhold further action and give these groups the time to complete their assigned tasks.**

We would be most interested to learn of your position on this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Dale F. Sorget
Director, Government Relations
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 20, 1993

Mr. Robert E. Sullivan
Senior Vice President, Administration
Harris Corporation
Melbourne, FL 32919

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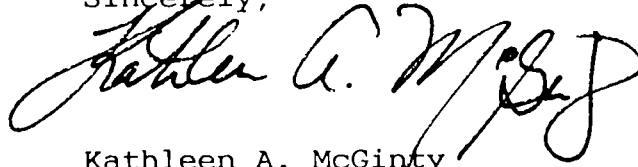
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June 28, 1993

ROBERT E. SULLIVAN
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Dear Ms. McGinty:

These comments are submitted, on behalf of Harris Corporation ("Harris"), in response to the announcement of a proposed municipal carve-out for Superfund Liability. Harris is a Fortune 200 electronics company based in Florida with some 28,000 employees worldwide. The company is divided into four business units: Electronic Systems Sector, Communications, Semiconductor, and Lanier Worldwide office products.

Harris is active in both EPA's "GreenLights" Program as well as the 33/50 program. It is our corporate environmental policy to provide leadership and resources essential for ethical resolution of issues with environmental impact and to demonstrate excellence in the planning, design, and management of environmental programs.

With this in mind, I am writing to share our opposition to any carve-outs for Superfund Liability. Recently, it has been reported that municipalities may receive preferential treatment by being "carved-out" of future liability obligations. Preferential treatment of any potential responsible parties, including municipalities is not only grossly unfair it would only worsen the already riddled Superfund Program. Carve-out relief for any special interest group would create even more friction - and potentially more litigation and delay - among those left to absorb the liability cost of the special interests that escape the program. Superfund explicitly authorizes any party that is required to pay more than its fair share of cleanup costs to sue any other parties to make them contribute their fair share as well. By carving out municipalities, a sizeable shift in liability would occur resulting in unjustified financial harm to businesses and other non-preferentially treated parties. Some companies could face severe financial consequences potentially bankrupting them where they were the principal non-municipal users of a land fill.

There is no dispute that Superfund is in need of reform. It is our hope that all interested parties can sit down to work out plausible solutions for all involved. With the recent announcement of the formation of an internal task group and a NACEPT committee to review the problems of Superfund, it does not make sense at this juncture to discuss any special interest carve-outs.

At the appropriate time, Harris would like to gain a seat at the Superfund table to share our views and work with the Administrator and her staff to resolve the issues of Superfund in an equitable manner. I urge you to resist changing the liability structure for municipalities at this time.

Respectfully yours,



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1993

Mr. Paul Smith
P.O. Box 1507
Hope, NM 88250

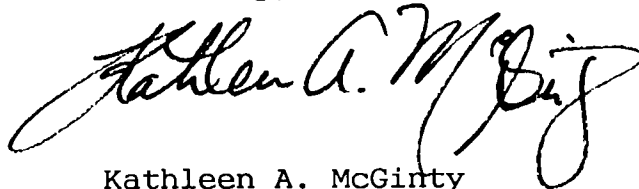
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P.O. Box 1507
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May 25, 1993

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 ask for your support of the federal funding of the ADC program.

My father and I own and operate a ranch at Hope, New Mexico. We know firsthand the problems predators can cause trying to raise livestock. Our baby lambs seem to have a target on them only seen by mountain lions. The ADC program has given us a way to fight back by helping control these predators.

This fight is not for fun, it is for survival. The ADC program is a vital aid to ranchers. Ranchers and ADC employees accept the responsibility for predator control which is necessary for wildlife survival as well as livestock survival. The ADC program is not set up to help ranchers kill off "helpless" animals, rather it is designed to help lower the number of predators. In controlling these predators, not only are animals such as sheep and cattle preserved, but so are deer and other small forest animals. Without some kind of control over these predators, they will continue to multiply and take over our great outdoors.

The survival of our livestock, like the other ranchers across the state, determines whether our business can continue or we must give it up. If we are forced to give up our way of life, what will we have left? We will be out of jobs, meaning no income. You cannot live, much less contribute to the economic cycle, without a means of working. There is already enough unemployment in our country without adding more. Please help ranchers and farmers continue to thrive as they have for years; the ADC program is already helping do just that.

Thank you for your consideration,


Paul Smith

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1993

Mr. Kevin Schwenk
Ms. Deborah Block
262 Gano Street #4
Providence, RI 02906

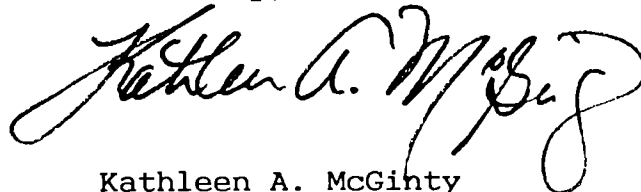
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Kevin Schwenk
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262 Gano St. #4
Providence, RI 02906-4009

June 3, 1993

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

Dear Ms. McGingy:

We are writing regarding a particularly foul and wasteful government program: Animal Damage Control (ADC), sponsored by the USDA. It is a clumsy program which kills wildlife wholesale for the benefit of a few farmers and ranchers.

The federal government spends approximately \$30 million each year on this program to shoot, trap, and poison wildlife (roughly 250,000 mammals and 4.5 million birds are killed annually, many of these are in "wildlife refuges".) The supposed purpose of this is to protect livestock. There are several good reasons why this program should be immediately discontinued, which we will list.

- In 1988, the U.S. government spent \$29 million on this program, while total livestock losses were only \$6.8 million.
- Public lands are the property of the people, most of whom do not want to see wildlife destroyed.
- Ranchers do not own public land and do not deserve special subsidies which other businesses do not receive.
- Poisons used to kill wildlife, such as compound 1080 (developed by the Nazis), remain in the ecosystem, indiscriminately killing animals (including endangered species) and possibly putting people at risk. (Currently, the ADC operates poison R&D facilities in Pocatello, ID and Denver, CO.)
- The program is symbolic of a callous disrespect for life and the environment. Killing predatory animals such as mountain lions (over 200 killed in 1990) and foxes (over 6000 killed in 1990, plus over 75,000 coyotes) throws ecosystems out of balance as mice, deer, rabbits, etc. overpopulate.
- There are better uses for our precious tax dollars. (Let me name several: deficit reduction, universal health care, park maintenance, high-tech research, summer jobs programs, law enforcement, etc. etc. etc.)

We therefore request that you seek to immediately eliminate this program which wastes dollars and lives. The pleasure of a reply is requested. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 22, 1993

Ms. Gail Spies
2415 Sherwood Ct.
Woodward, OK 73801

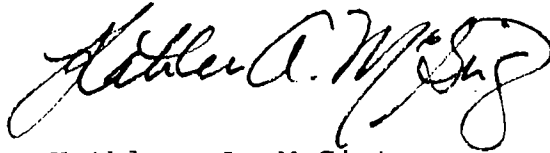
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Director, White House Office on
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June 29, 1993

Bill Clinton
The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to urge your administration to end the Animal Damage Control program which is administered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

I do not think that the taxpayers should have to pay over \$30 million a year to shoot, poison, trap, suffocate with gas millions of animals a year to provide ranchers with a risk-free operation. Anyone in business knows and accepts the risks associated with that business and I don't think ranching should be any different.

Besides the cost to taxpayers, I feel that this program is detrimental to wildlife and the environment.

Even if considerations of animal suffering and environmental balance are overlooked, ADC does not make sense from an economic standpoint. Evaluation of ADC Annual Reports shows that the cost of the program significantly exceeds the value of reported livestock losses. It would be less costly, both economically and environmentally to simply reimburse ranchers directly for their losses, though I do not recommend this action either. The ideal situation is for ranchers to protect their livestock with nonlethal methods of control -guard dogs, electric fencing, sound and light deterrents and other means.

Respectfully yours,

Gail Spies
2415 Sherwood Ct.
Woodward, OK 73801

cc: Senator David Boren
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 22, 1993

Ms. Debbie Sargent
Coordinator
Save Our Critters
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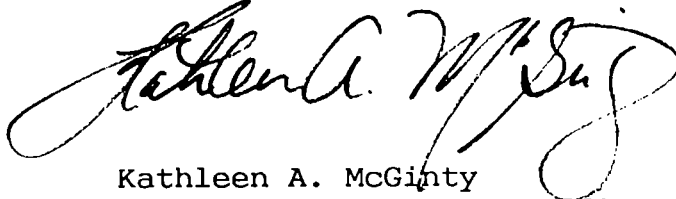
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SAVE OUR CRITTERS (SOC)

Debbie Sargent - Coordinator

Rt 1, Box 146B

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White House Office on Environmental Policy
ATTN: Kathleen McGinty
Old Executive Office Building Room 358
Washington DC 20501

Dear Ms McGinty,

I would like to add my comments concerning the Animal Damage Control Program.

- The ADC exists as a blatant subsidy to the livestock industry. Taxpayers should not be expected to provide a zero-risk business environment for anyone. I do not want MY hard-earned tax dollars to go towards killing our country's wildlife so that ranchers don't have to spend one penny. It's THEIR livestock so why aren't THEY paying for this to be done? Why should I pay for it? I want to see public interests, NOT private interests, served first.

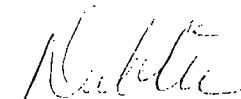
- The ADC predator control program is neither cost-effective nor biologically sound. In 1992, the ADC spend over 45 million TAXPAYER dollars to kill wildlife on public lands (MY land, your land, everyone's land - not a private ranch for these ranchers!) and to develop poisons and control techniques for wild animals. Most of these techniques are indiscriminate and place threatened and endangered species in jeopardy. At the same time, the government spends millions to kill predators, it also funds multi-million dollar programs to protect and reintroduce endangered species.

- In fiscal year 1992 over 109 thousand predatory mammals and more than 1.5 million birds were "reported" killed by the ADC. Its killing methods--poison baits, traps, snares, denning, and aerial gunning--are indiscriminate and inhumane.

- Ranchers need to be responsible for protecting their own livestock and doing so with non-lethal techniques. And there ARE other methods to controlling this problem.

- This is an outdated tax-supported federal war on wildlife and I want to see it stopped NOW. It's time the government protect our natural heritage and stop killing animals on PUBLIC land. I don't see any voting going on concerning this public land and the use of it. Why should my money be spent on something that I'm totally against and on "MY" land???

Thank you for your time and serious consideration of this matter.



DEBBIE SARGENT - Coordinator

THE WHITE HOUSE
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July 22, 1993

Mr. Gary Smith
207 Beaver Run Drive
Madison, AL 35758

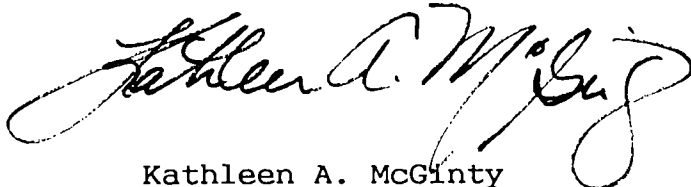
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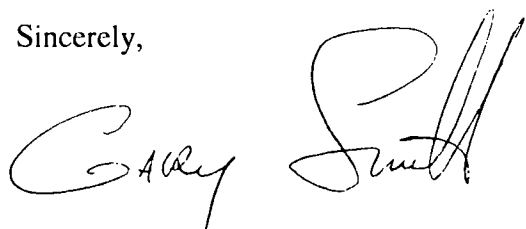
Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing to express my outrage at a group within the United States Department of Agriculture - the so-called Animal Damage Control (ADC) Program or has it already been renamed: Wildlife Services?

Spending in excess of 45 million dollars of the taxpayers money to kill animals seems ridiculous! In my opinion, the burden of protecting a rancher's sheep or cattle should fall on the individual or corporation profiting from the sale of these animals.

I would suggest to you that one of the reasons Clinton got elected was a fervent hope amongst the American people that crazy programs like ADC would be reigned in.

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Gary Smith
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July 22, 1993

Ms. Ruthanne Stephenson
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Merced, CA 95348

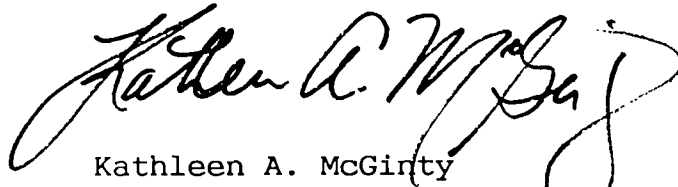
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Environmental Policy

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Date: March 23, 1993

To: White House Office on Environmental Policy
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Dear Sir:

Taxpayers are asked to make sacrifices to bring change to our society and pay the national debt.

As taxpayers we should not be expected to provide a zero-risk business environment for anyone.

The Animal Damage Control (ADC) exists as a blatant subsidy to the livestock industry and we feel the need to demand a leaner and more efficient government in which public interests, not private interests, are served first.

The ADC predator control program spent over 45 million taxpayer dollars in 1992 to kill wildlife on public lands and develop poisons and control techniques for wild animals. Most of these techniques, poison baits, traps, snares, denning and aerial gunning are indiscriminate and place threatened and endangered species in jeopardy.

We demand that this outdated tax-supported federal war on wildlife come to an end, and that the government begin to protect our natural heritage.

Put an end to the ADC program and let ranchers be responsible for protecting their own livestock by using non-lethal techniques.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Stephenson

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 22, 1993

Ms. J. Dianne Soule
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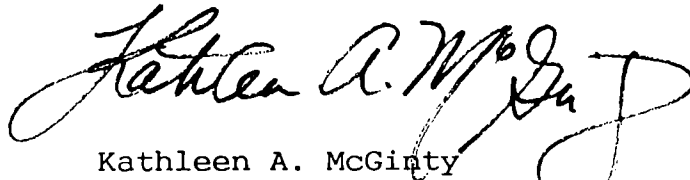
Dear Ms. Soule:

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen A. McGinty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" or "G" at the end.

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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July 14, 1993

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Dear Ms McGinty,

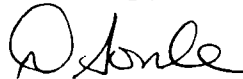
I have been reading about the Animal Damage Control Program recently. I have been abhorred by what I've read. It is upsetting to me that public monies are used to support this program which indiscriminately poisons, traps, shoots and snares predators on public lands. These are lands for all of us. Not just for the ranchers which graze their cattle on them.

I feel that in this era of cutting government spending and reducing the budget, funding for the ADC Program should be cut. The livestock industry has enough government subsidies without that of the ADC. Ranchers using public lands should respect the predators that are a natural part of the environment and figure the loss of the very few animals killed by predators as a business loss.

Many of the methods ADC uses to kill predators are inhumane and indiscriminate. As a veterinarian, this aspect of the ADC bothers me the most. There are non-lethal methods available to protect livestock. The Ranchers should avail themselves of these instead of automatically resorting to killing of predators.

As a taxpayer, I hope the government will end funding of the ADC. I believe the public lands should be left in their natural state as much as possible. The predators are part of the ecosystem and should be preserved.

Sincerely,



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