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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Brenda J. Bramble
Ms. Denise FitzPatrick
Brownie G.S. Troop 328
Cato, NY 13033

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on the efforts of some other countries to resume commercial whaling.

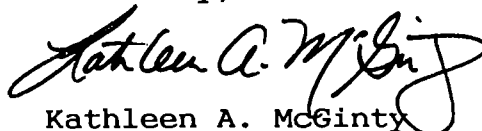
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Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl

**Brownie Girl Scouts
Troop 328
Cato, New York 13033**

March 2, 1994

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I have been involved in the Whale Adoption Project for several years. I feel as though it's something I can do to help these gentle mammals.

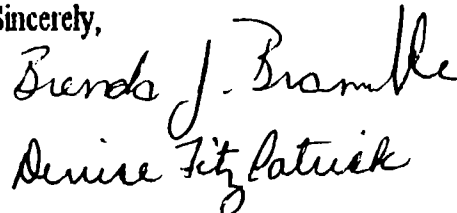
When I became a Brownie leader, I involved my Troop in the adoption project. They love the idea that they have their own whale that the Wildlife Coalition is keeping track of.

Then I read them a letter I received from the Coalition. In this letter it announced that the United States now supports the carrying out of science-based commercial whaling. We've come so far in this venture, it's a shame to now reverse all the progress.

I asked my troop what they would like to do about it. Writing a letter to you and the Clinton Administration was what they chose.

We hope that in our small way we can help to make a change. Please read the letters and listen to these seven year old girls. They are the future!

Sincerely,

The block contains two handwritten signatures in cursive. The first signature is 'Brenda J. Bramble' and the second is 'Denise FitzPatrick'. Both are written in dark ink.

Brenda J. Bramble - Troop Leader
Denise FitzPatrick - Co. Leader
Brownie G.S. Troop 328
Cato, New York 13033

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Ms. Elizabeth Barrett
28 Taska Lane
Peralta, NM 87042

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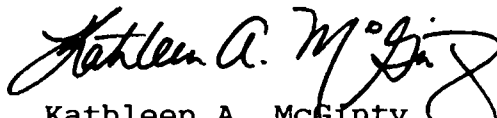
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Environmental Policy

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3-2-94

Kathleen M. Melton
1111 1st Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Melton,
I am appalled at the
resumption of commercial
whaling. Please reconsider
the position. Please send
the Marine Mammal Protection
Act in its present form.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Barrett
28 Jacka Ln
Bertha, N.M. 89042

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Diane Begin
207 Pierce Road
West Brookfield, MA 01585

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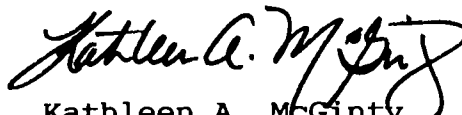
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DIANE BEGIN
207 PIERCE ROAD
WEST BROOKFIELD, MA 01585

FEBRUARY 24, 1994

KATHLEEN MCGINTY
17TH ST. & PENNSYLVANIA AVE. N.W.
WASHINGTON D.C. 20500

DEAR MS. MCGINTY

I AM WRITING TO YOU TO STRONGLY URGE YOU TO HELP OVERTURN THE DECISION OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCIENCE-BASED COMMERCIAL WHALING. WE ALL KNOW THAT IT WAS A COWARDLY MOVE ON THE PART OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION STAFF TO AVOID HAVING TO ECONOMICALLY SANCTION NORWAY OVER THEIR RECENT RESUMPTION OF COMMERCIAL WHALING. THIS DECISION IS IN TOTAL CONTRAST TO THE STAND TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR AT THE MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMISSION.

ONCE THE OLYMIC GAMES ARE OVER AND THE U.S. DOESN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT OUR ATHELETES IN NORWAY I WOULD HOPE THAT THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WOULD RECONSIDER THEIR DECISION AND USE A LITTLE BACKBONE INSTEAD OF BRIBERY. AMERICANS ARE VERY MUCH CONCERNED WITH THE FATE OF OUR MARINE MAMMALS AND ARE WATCHING VERY CLOSELY TO SEE WHAT OUR OWN GOVERNMENT IS DOING TO TO PROTECT THEM.

MANY OF US, INCLUDING OUR CHILDREN, NOW BELONG TO WHALE ADOPTION PROJECTS SUCH AS THE ONE THAT MY 6 YR. OLD DAUGHTER CHELSEA AND I BELONG TO IN FALMOUTH, MA. CHELSEA HAS ADOPTED A HUMPBACK WHALE NAMED HALFMOON AND RECEIVES A NEWSLETTER QUARTERLY TO UPDATE CHILDREN AS WELL AS ADULTS ON WHAT THEIR GOVERNMENT IS DOING TO HELP THEIR FRIENDS IN THE OCEAN. AND LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, IT'S EXTREMELY SAD WHEN A SIX YEAR OLD IS MAD AT THE PRESIDENT FOR ALLOWING OTHER COUNTRIES TO CAPTURE AND SLAUGHTER THE VERY SPECIES THAT SHE'S TRYING TO PROTECT AND LEARN SO MUCH ABOUT.

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION RECONSIDERS THEIR DECISION ON SUPPORTING ANY COMMERCIAL WHALING.

WE'LL ALL BE WATCHING AND WAITING FOR THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE UNITED STATES NO LONGER SUPPORTS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCIENCE-BASED COMMERCIAL WHALING.

AND THEN MR. CLINTON CAN EXPECT A THANK YOU CARD FROM MY CHELSEA.

SINCERELY,

DIANE BEGIN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Nicole Baumgartner
2127 Johnson Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Dear Ms. Baumgartner:

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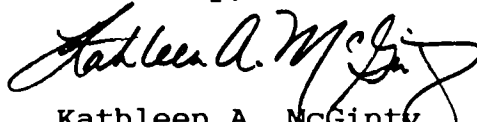
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Nicole Baumgartner
2127 Johnson St.
La Crosse, WI 54601
February 24, 1994

Kathleen McGinty, Deputy Assistant
to the President for Environmental Policy,
17 Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Madam:

I am 10 years old and
am writing on behalf of myself and my
brother. We both joined the Whale
Adoption Project and would advise
against the implementation of commercial
whaling. We are a friend to the
environment and would not like to
see whales or any other endangered species
killed or having whaling commercialized.

It endangers the lives
of humans as well as the animals being
hunted. I would ask you would stress this
to Mr. Clinton. Please don't kill our whales!

Sincerely yours,
David and Nicole Baumgartner

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Ms. Ruth Berlin
44 Morehouse Lane
Southpart, CT 06490

Dear Ms. Berlin:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on the efforts of some other countries to resume commercial whaling.

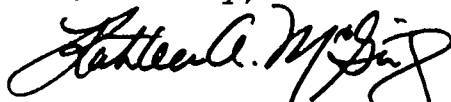
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

KAM/avl

Mrs. F. Henry Berlin

44 Morehouse Lane, Southport, Connecticut 06490

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I do NOT believe that we need science-based commercial whaling! or any other type of whaling - The whales are disappearing as fast as the Cod fish in all the waters, not just the Grand Banks.

My fervent hope is that we can, again, change our policy back to happier ways, and protect the whales

Thank you -

Sincerely,

Ruth M. Berlin

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Barbara N. Berman
2910 Cashel Lane
Vienna, VA 22181-6008

Dear Ms. Berman:

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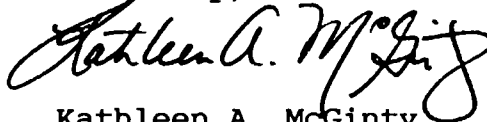
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The North Shore Animal League
saves abandoned dogs and cats,
and finds them new homes.

POST CARD

02/28/94 NO VA GPF 220 21:28 #3
please stop whales
from being murdered.

There is no need to
kill these animals.

"Scientific" whaling
does not exist. We should
not kill animals just to
figure out how many we
can kill.

Barbara N Berman
2910 Cashel Ln
Vienna VA 22181-6008



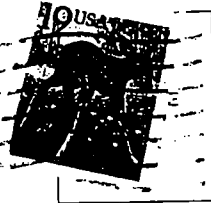
signed,
B. Berman

D WALTER CHANDOLA

TO:

Kathleen McGinty

Deputy Asst. to Pres. for
Environmental Policy NW
17th St. + Pennsylvania Ave N
Washington DC 20500



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Irene Brown
21 Oak Lane
Flaglen Beach, FL 32136

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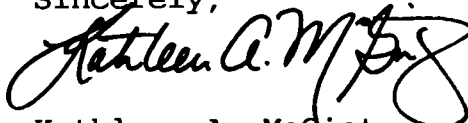
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21 Oak Lane

Flagler Beach, Fla.

March 2nd, 1944 ³²¹³⁶

Dep. Asst. to Pres. for Env. Pol.

17th St. & Penn. Ave. N.W.

Wash., D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Mc Ginty:

We have come so far in reducing the amount of countries that participate in commercial whaling. I strongly protest the fact that the Clinton administration should be allowing this to resume.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act is a world wide set of laws that protect whales, dolphins & seals. Please let's keep it that way.

Sincerely,
Gene Brown

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Becky Ball
P.O. Box 192
Diggs, VA 23045

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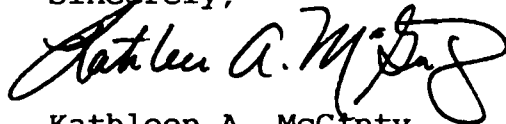
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Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am Becky Ball.
I have adopted a
whale from the
Whale Adoption Project
of the International
Wildlife Coalition.

The reason I am
writing is because of
the U.S. Marine Mammal
Protection Act. Please
do not let it be weakened.
I understand that fisher-
men need to keep their
jobs, but whales and
dolphins are important, too.
They are parts of science, nature
and beauty. Why should they
have to pay for our prosperity?
There have been cases where
dolphins have saved humans.
I remember reading in science
about a woman being taken
under by the current but a

dolphin pushed her up. We
need to help save them.

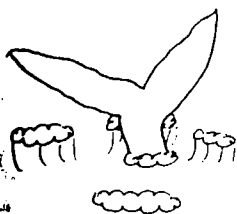
Whales and dolphins are
important for literature, too.

Island of the Blue Dolphins. People
learn from them and are
entertained by them. How
could Sea World be so successful?

Dolphins, whales, and seals
are smart and deserve to live.
Please help keep the Act in
action.

Respectfully,

Becky Ball



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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1573 Hecea Street
Calumet, MI 49913

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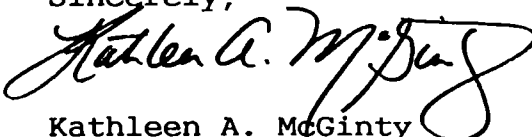
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February 24, 1994

Dear Madam:

I am a 13 year old girl from Calumet, Michigan. I am shocked about the Clinton Administration's announcement to support commercial whaling. Listen, if we don't get our act together, we're going to be dead soon too. Don't you understand how important whales are? If they become extinct, everything will go out of control. I'm the one who has to clean up your mess! I'm the future! Please consider my point of view. If you don't, the big, beautiful creatures will be gone forever.

Sincerely,
Wendy Brookman
Calumet, Michigan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Marilyn Blue
1709 Far View Lane
Prescott, AZ 86301

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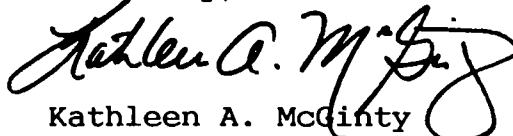
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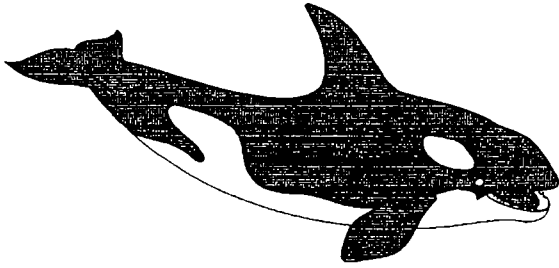
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SAVE THE WHALES

Marilyn Blue . 1709 Far View Lane . Prescott AZ 86301

February 25, 1994

Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Environmental Policy
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington D.C. 20500

RE: Commercial Whaling

I strongly oppose the Clinton Administration's position for resumption of commercial whaling.

Please stop the killing of whales.

It is such a horrendous tragedy when we -- as individuals, a nation, and world -- put money before life. You may think whales -- and other non-human life -- are unimportant. Sadly, when you do awaken to their importance, there will be no more whales.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Blue

Commercial Whaling

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Ms. Linda Burkhart
335 South 5th Street
Decatur, IN 46733

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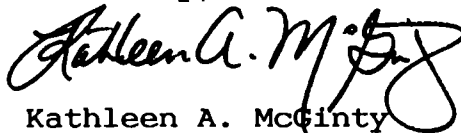
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Feb 28, 1994

Dear Mrs Kathleen Mc. Gilly,

I am writing to you in response to some very disturbing news, That President Clinton's administrative staff now supports the implementation of science-based commercial whaling!

This is totally wrong, you will wipe whales out of existence.

Please, I beg of you to change this decision there is no need to Kill to Study.

We need to stop commercial whaling.

What a bount the future, if you let this happens there will be no future.

Please think about it.

Sincerely

Mrs Anne Burkhardt

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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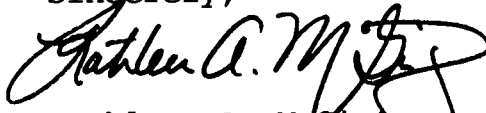
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

KAM/avl

286 First Street
Mineola, N.Y. 11501
February 26, 1994

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I wish to express my outrage over the Clinton Administration's support for the resumption of commercial whaling.

Whaling is a barbaric and archaic practice, no longer justified by scientific or economic considerations. For the past fifteen years and three Presidential administrations, the United States has led the way in opposing whaling worldwide. Now all of this is to be reversed -- and by a President who had promised to protect the environment!

I hope that the Administration will change its mind on this, before it becomes a black mark on President Clinton and on the nation.

Sincerely,
David Brody

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Berette Bonebrake
5133 Heather Drive
Apartment 205
Dearborn, MI 48126

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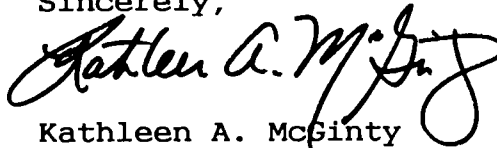
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February 9, 1994

Mrs. Berette Bonebrake
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Dearborn, MI 48126

Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Environmental Policy
17th Street & Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Kathleen McGinty:

I am writing you regarding the upcoming the Marine Protection Act decision. You must include important provisions to protect marine mammals. The MMAP must contain the following provisions:

1. No permits to kill endangered species.
2. No killing seals or sea lions to protect commercial interests.
3. No capture of marine mammals from the wild for display in zoos and aquariums.
4. No sport hunting of polar bears and walruses or the commercial use of their hides and meat.
5. Require registry of all fishing vessels with National Marine fisheries Service in order to monitor the extent of fishing and the potential of fisheries to kill marine mammals.
6. Require payment of user fees by all fishing vessels to help support the costs of placing unbiased observers on board and to pay for research on ways to reduce marine mammal deaths. (Right now only our tax dollars pay these costs.)
7. Provide protection of marine mammal habitats.

Your voice is urgently needed to speak for these remarkable animals who cannot speak for themselves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Berette Bonebrake".

Berette Bonebrake

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Susan Biniak
Gifted Education Teacher
Wesley School
1111 West westwood Trail
Addison, IL 60101

Dear Ms. Biniak:

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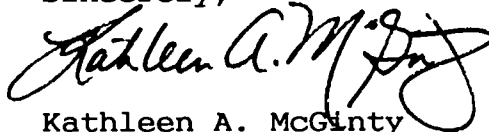
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February 24, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty,

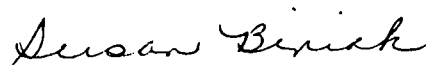
I am a gifted education teacher for District 4 in Addison, Illinois. My fourth grade students are studying oceanography and humpback whale migratory habits through a program called "Voyage of the Mimi". They are familiar with the U.S. Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Recently, my students and I learned that the National Marine Service, with specific instructions from President Clinton's administration staff, has announced that the United States now supports the implementation of science-based commercial whaling!

I can't begin to tell you what shocking news this was for my students! They can't understand why President Clinton's administration would support commercial whaling of any kind in order to keep from having to economically sanction Norway over their recent resumption of commercial whaling. This pro-whaling position constitutes a complete reversal fo the strong U.S. stand taken at last year's meeting of the International Whaling Commission.

For the sake of our young peoples' trust and for the sake of marine mammal wildlife, my students and I join together to implore President Clinton to reverse his stand on this issue before the upcoming Whaling Commission meeting in Mexico.

Sincerely yours,



Susan Biniak
Gifted Education Teacher,
Wesley School
1111 West Westwood Trail
Addison, IL 60101

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Kathleen A. Bosi
10115 Menchalville Road
Cato, WI 54206-9736

Dear Ms. Bosi:

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Director, White House Office on
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February 28, 1994

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am a simple homemaker from our country's Midwest. I care deeply about our beautiful planet & all the wondrous creatures on it. Mankind is "supposedly" the caretaker of the earth & all the animals on it, land and sea. After hundreds of years of destroying our environment and sadistic annihilation of hundreds (if not thousands) of species of animals on our earth, I thought man had finally come to his senses, & although we can't bring back what's already been destroyed, was at least attempting to save & even nurture what is left. Our great country is a leader in these efforts and we were making progress, until...

Last week, I received word that the Clinton administration has announced that the U.S. now supports the "implementation of science-based commercial whaling." I was so appalled, angered & sickened by this news that it took me several days to regain enough composure to write you this letter!

I am a member of the Whale Adoption Project - yes, I've adopted a whale! I know it sounds silly, but it is my small way of showing my wholehearted support of the International Wildlife Coalition & its work & efforts to save, in particular, these intelligent & absolutely marvelous creatures of our seas. I am in SHOCK that our president would take this giant leap backwards, after all our work & progress we've made, and condone the killing of these wondrous animals... and in the name of SCIENCE, yet ??? I used to sing President Clinton's praises... now, I've lost all respect whatsoever

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, Mrs. McGinty ... do ALL YOU CAN to reverse this position to resume commercial whaling? As a citizen, I assure President Clinton and Vice-President Gore, that if they go through with this madness and "go along" with the SLAUGHTER (for whatever misguided reasons they sight) THEY, nor anyone else on their tickets will EVER receive a vote from anyone in this household ever again!!!
I BEG of you to STOP THIS MADNESS!!!

In extreme Sincerity and
Desperation,

Kathleen A. Bosi
10115 Menchalville Rd.
Cato, WI 54206-9736

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Cindy Benjamin
Science Class
Franklin Jr. High School
136 East Sixth Street
Franklin, OH 45005

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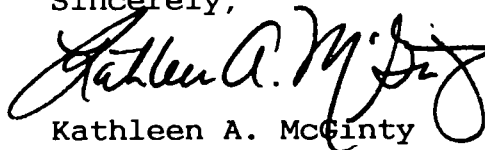
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Kathleen McGinty
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Dear Ms. McGinty,

We are writing in regard to the Clinton Administration's position for the resumption of commercial whaling. We are the proud adoptive "parents" of a humpback. We made the decision to adopt Cat's Paw after we spent several weeks learning about whales and appreciating their beauty, their history and their plight. We are glad the International Whaling Commission has laws which protect the whales. Now, we find out the Clinton Administration is supporting the implementation of science-based commercial whaling. This is very disturbing to us, and something we feel will further endanger the species. We hope that you will heed our concern and our protest to your position. Please do not allow commercial whaling to exist for any reason.

Thank you,

Cindy Benjamin
Cindy Benjamin

Sharon Stull
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Jake Roberts
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 11, 1994

Ms. Patricia Bostian
5114 Dorset Mews
Williamsburg, VA 23188

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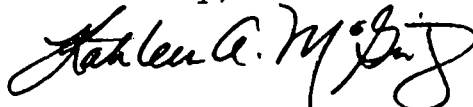
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Dear Ms. McGinty,

President Clinton's approval of "science based" commercial whaling horrifies me. How can the "environmental" President sanction the slaughter of whales for any reason!!

Does the United States have to sink to the level of Norway, Iceland and Japan? We are supposed to be a "leader", and have some decent, intelligent concern for our planet and its occupants. I'm ashamed of our government's decision, and hope it will be reversed.

Patricia M. Bastian
5117 Dorset News
Williamsburg, VA 23188

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Ms. Barbara Bowen
119 Cook Street
Billerica, MA 01821

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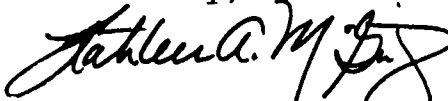
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119 Cook Street
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February 25, 1994

Kathleen McGinty
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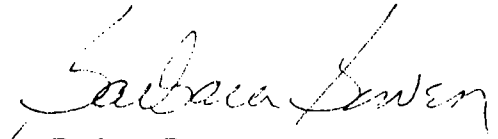
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The National Marine Fisheries Service, with specific instructions from President Clinton's administration staff, has announced that the United States now supports the implementation of science-based commercial whaling! This is absolutely shocking news! It's all based on Clinton Administration attempts to keep from having to economically sanction Norway over their recent resumption of commercial whaling. This pro-whaling position constitutes a complete reversal of the strong U.S. stand taken at last year's meeting of the International Whaling Commission.

If we cannot find a way to reverse President Clinton's stand on this issue, it's absolutely certain that the moratorium against commercial whaling will be overturned at the upcoming Whaling Commission meeting in Mexico - this would spell disaster for these beautiful creatures.

I am appalled to think that we as a nation are not doing more to PROTECT whales, dolphins and seals. Shame on President Clinton's Administration!!!


Barbara Bowen
Citizen for Environmental Protection

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Barbara R. Burkholder
209 Tibet Road
Columbus, Ohio 43202

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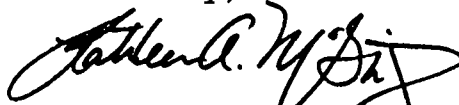
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Ms. McGinty:

I have just read some very shocking news regarding the Clinton Administration's support of the implementation of science-based commercial whaling! I have also read that this decision is based on the Clinton Administration attempts to keep from having to economically sanction Norway over their recent resumption of commercial whaling. This news is extremely disappointing to me!

It is disappointing because I voted for Mr. Clinton and Mr. Gore because I felt that they would take better care of our environment, fellow creatures, and planet than did the Bush administration. Now it seems they have turned to a position that constitutes a complete reversal of the strong U.S. stand taken at last year's meeting of the International Whaling Commission. If President Clinton does not reverse this stand, it would sadly seem certain that the moratorium against commercial whaling will be overturned at the upcoming Whaling Commission meeting in Mexico.

I am writing to express my anger at this wishy-washy stand. I am becoming more and more disenchanted with Clinton and his false promises all the time!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara R. Burkholder". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline.

Barbara R. Burkholder
209 Tibet Road
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Mr. Joe Bridges
Forest City Elementary School
600 Old Caroleen Road
Forest City, NY 28043

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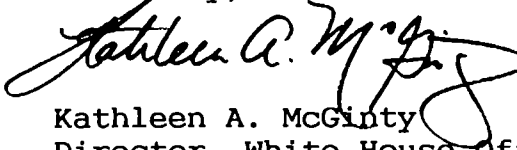
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Ms Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Environmental Policy
1714 St A Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am a second grade teacher. My class has adopted a whale.
Whales are an endangered species. How am I to explain to them that
their government is killing what I am trying to teach them to protect?
I protest the hunting of whales for any reason.
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Joe G. Bridges

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Mr. Kenneth W. Babcock
Elf Atochem North America, Inc.
P.O. Box 187
Calvert City, KY 42049-0187

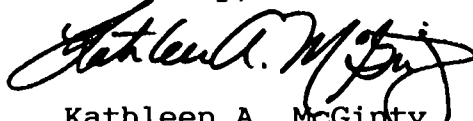
Dear Mr. Babcock:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your thoughts about chlorine study and the Clean Water Act reauthorization. It was good to hear from you.

Rest assured that neither EPA nor this Administration has made any decision in the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act that would restrict or ban the use of chlorine or chlorinated compounds. Because of the continuing rigorous public debate on this matter, EPA has proposed a thorough and careful review of the issues. I assure you that the proposed EPA study will be conducted in a fair, objective and balanced fashion, using the best available information and with the participation of all interested parties.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
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Elf Atochem North America Inc.
P.O. Box 187, Calvert City, Kentucky 42029. (502) 395-7121

March 2, 1994

Office Environmental Policy
Deputy Assistant to the President,
Kathleen McGinty
Old Exec. Office Bldg. Room 360
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20501

SUBJECT: U.S. EPA Proposal to Phaseout Chlorine

Dear Ms. McGinty,

As Sr. Process Engineer of Elf Atochem's North America Fluorochemicals complex in Calvert City, Kentucky, I am writing to express my strong opposition to U.S. EPA Administrator Browner's recent proposal for the development of a plan to "prohibit, reduce, or substitute(for) the use of chlorine" over the next 3 years as part of the Clean Water Act Reauthorization proposal.

What is particularly disturbing about Administrator Browner's announcement is that it is yet another example of the pattern of excluding input from industry into the Agency's public policy-making process. In the case of chlorine, the Administrator has sought to prejudice the public policy debate in advance of sound scientific assessment and in complete disregard of input by all stakeholders. In my view, Administrator Browner has exercised poor judgement by issuing such a proposal without a full understanding of the social, economic, and health implications of her action.

By way of background, Elf Atochem North America is a diversified process chemical manufacturer employing more than 5,200 people nationwide with 33 manufacturing facilities in 17 U.S. states. The company is headquartered in Philadelphia, PA and reports gross sales of just under \$2 billion annually. Major product/market segments include: commodity organic and inorganic chemicals and chemical intermediates; specialty chemicals; agricultural chemicals; and polymers.

Chlorine & Chlorinated compounds are essential to society

The EPA proposal makes absolutely no sense. The proposed ban represents an unscientific approach to regulating chemicals because it proposes prohibiting or reducing the use of chlorine and chlorinated compounds with no regard as to whether such a significant burden on society is indeed warranted.

Chlorine and chlorinated compounds are used to meet some of the most essential and vital needs of society today, including: protecting our public water supply, use

in 85% of all medicines, use in 96% of all crop protection chemicals, use in all vinyl plastics, and use in myriads of other products(manufactured in the U.S. and marketed globally) that are the basis of modern life.

Process for Evaluating & Minimizing Risk is Already Underway

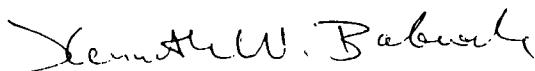
It is common knowledge, for those knowledgeable in chemical processes, that "chlorine and chlorinated compounds" span a wide range of chemicals. Further, scientific experts have concluded that chlorinated compounds should not be "lumped" together as a single group for purposes of risk assessment. The EPA proposal would circumvent such sound initiatives, based on scientific risk assessment. Prime examples of current projects specific in application are the reassessment of dioxin and chlorine's use in the pulp and paper industry.

With the exception of a few persistent, biocumulative chlorinated organic chemicals(ie. DDT), resulting from historical uses in localized areas, current concentrations of chlorine and chlorinated compounds have not been shown to cause adverse effects on humans or the environment. Continuing technological improvements are expected to further lower the already low risks of adverse effects related to chlorine in the environment.

I appreciate your consideration of the points raised in this letter. I hope that, upon a careful review of the ramifications of the EPA proposal, this administration will adopt a policy based on:

- 1) credible science that weighs all the evidence in an even handed manner, including an evaluation of potential alternatives
- 2) a fair and balanced process that involves all stakeholders
- 3) evaluating social and economic factors in setting policy; that is policy grounded in reality.

Respectfully,



Kenneth W. Babcock

cc. Mr. Charles A. Kitchen
Director Government & Community Relations
ELF ATOCHEM NORTH AMERICA, INC.
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March 10, 1994

Mr. Alvin Bey
Vice President, Director
Health & Environmental Sciences
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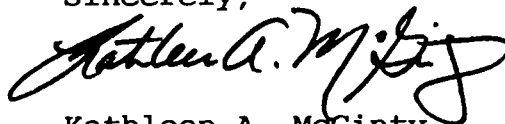
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Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



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

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DOW CORNING



March 2, 1994

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

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing to you to express serious concern about the recent recommendation from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a study to develop a strategy to "prohibit, reduce or substitute the use of chlorine and chlorinated compounds" as part of the Clean Water Act reauthorization. This initiative appears to be unnecessary. Numerous federal laws and regulations are already in place to properly manage risks from chemicals including chlorine. It was disappointing to see this unilateral action. A more constructive approach would have been to develop a cooperative government/industry analysis of this situation.

Chlorine-based materials contribute \$3 billion to the net trade surplus of the U.S. chemical industry. More than 1.3 million people are employed by chlorine dependent industries. Chlorine is absolutely vital to U.S. competitiveness.

I support proper protection of our environment. I support using federal laws and regulations to assure that it happens. I support government-industry working together. I hope we can quickly modify this Clean Water Act proposal to avoid confounding it with this chlorine issue.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Alvin E. Bey
U.S. Area Vice President, Director
Health & Environmental Sciences
Phone: (517)-496-4111

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Ms. Cynthia M. Brandt
442 Bayberry Court
Painesville, OH 44077

Dear Ms. Brandt:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your thoughts about chlorine study and the Clean Water Act reauthorization. It was good to hear from you.

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Painesville, OH 44077
March 1, 1994

Office of Environmental Policy
Director Kathleen McGinty
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Dear Ms. McGinty:

I understand that amendments are being considered to the Clean Water Act regarding chlorine production and its uses.

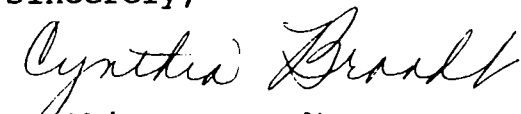
Please understand that I work for a company that is involved directly in the chlorine industry and that we have been well educated in the many uses and their affects on the environment.

I strongly urge you to oppose any provisions in any legislation that would phase our or ban chlorine. Its uses are vital to our society, health and economy (approximately 45 million jobs are related to this product.) Have you a clear understanding of the risks and cost of any chlorine substitutes?

Many studies have been done both here and abroad of chlorine and the processes used to produce it. When a specific compound was found to cause a problem, action was taken to protect our health and the environment.

Please give serious consideration to any action you take and understand all the pros and cons to this issue.

Sincerely,


Cynthia M. Brandt

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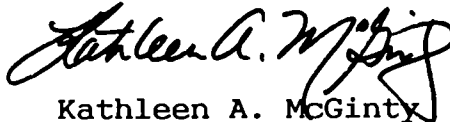
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February 28, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
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Deputy Assist. to the President
Old Exec. Office Bldg, Room 360
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20501

SUBJECT: U.S. EPA Proposal to Phaseout Chlorine

Dear Ms. McGinty:

As Quality Director of Elf Atochem North America's Polymers and Plastic Additives Business Group, I am writing to express to you my opposition to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Browner's recent proposal for development of a plan to "prohibit, reduce or substitute (for) the use of chlorine" over the next 3 years.

What is especially disturbing about the Administrator Browner's announcement is that it reflects a continuing pattern that has excluded industry's input into the Agency's public policy-making process. In the case of chlorine, the Administrator has sought to prejudice the public policy debate in advance of sound scientific assessment and in the absence of input by all stakeholders.

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Chlorine and chlorinated compounds are essential to society

The EPA proposal makes no sense. The proposed ban represents an unscientific approach to regulating chemicals because it proposes prohibiting or reducing the use of chlorine and chlorinated compounds without regard to whether such a significant burden on society is warranted.

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Thank you for your consideration the points raised in this letter. I hope that, upon a careful review of the implications of the EPA proposal, that this administration will adopt a policy based on (1) credible science that weighs all the evidence in an even-handed manner, including an evaluation of potential alternatives; (2) a fair and balanced process that involves all stakeholders; and (3) weighs social and economic factors.

Respectfully yours,



Diza P. Braksmayer
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Polymers and Plastic Additives Group

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March 10, 1994

Mr. Thurman L. Bell
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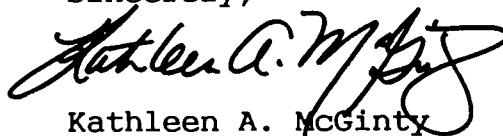
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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February 23, 1994

Office of Environmental Policy
Deputy Asst. to the President & Director
Kathleen McGinty
Old Executive Office Building
Room 360
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am writing you about the proposal by the Environmental Protective Agency, regarding the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act, to prohibit, reduce or substitute the use of chlorine or chlorine compounds.

I feel that if this proposal is accepted it will directly and indirectly affect the most vital needs of our modern society, such as, protection of the public water supply, a large percent of medicines, food handling cleanliness.

Also the prohibition or reduction of the use of chlorine and chlorine compounds will affect the employment status of millions of employees locally, nationally and internationally.

I would like to solicit your help and the help of your constituents to vote against this proposal.

Sincerely,


Thurman L. Bell

THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 10, 1994

Mr. Wayne E. Brooks
Manager of Operations
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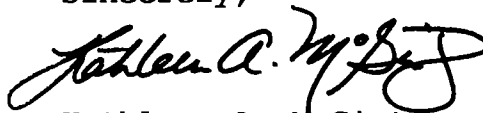
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February 22, 1994

Office Environmental Policy
Deputy Assistant to the President, Kathleen McGinty
Old Executive Office Building, Room 360
17th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20501

SUBJECT: U.S. EPA Proposal to Phaseout Chlorine

Dear Ms. McGinty:

As Manager of Operations of Elf Atochem North America's Calvert City Plant, I am writing to express to you my opposition to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Browner's recent proposal for development of a plan to "prohibit, reduce or substitute (for) the use of chlorine" over the next three years.

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Respectfully yours,



Wayne E. Brooks
Manager of Operations

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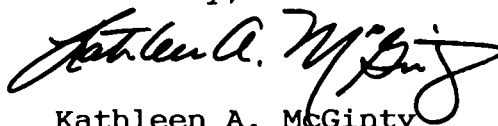
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February 22, 1994

Office Environmental Policy
Deputy Assistant to the President,
Kathleen McGinti
Old Executive Office Bldg., RM 360
17th & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20501

SUBJECT: U.S. EPA Proposal to Phaseout Chlorine

Dear Ms. McGinti:

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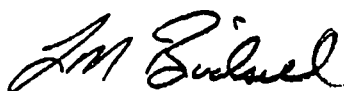
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Respectfully yours,



Larry M. Birdsell

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Ms. Laura L. Badeaux
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Plaquemine, LA 70765

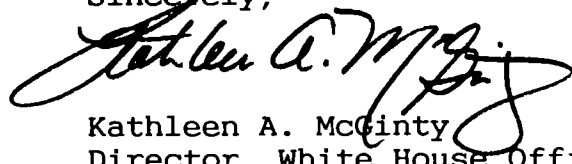
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February 18, 1994

Office of Environmental Policy
Deputy Asst. to the President & Director
Kathleen McGinty
Old Executive Office Building Room 360
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am sending this letter to voice my concern about the EPA request for congressional authorization to conduct a study of the use of chlorine. If the use of chlorine were altered in any way, it would have a detrimental affect on the chemical industry which would result in the loss of many jobs - including mine.

As you are probably aware the chemical industry in Louisiana is a producer and user of chlorine and pumps \$2,500,000,000 in wages for 97,000 workers into the economy. Chlorine is used to make 98% of the drinking water in the United States safe and is also used in the manufacture of 85% of all pharmaceuticals and I could go on and on with the positive about chlorine. Also, the PVC resin industry is responsible for a \$300,000,000 trade surplus. The total value of net trade in the chlorine industry has a 2,873,000,000 trade surplus.

The EPA and the Clinton administration are being lobbied and influenced by Greenpeace, a group that is traditionally uninformed, irresponsible and shortsighted when dealing with the chemical industries. Concern for the environment is important to our chemical industry, for unlike most EPA bureaucrats and Greenpeace members, we live where we work. So safety is our concern.

We need the support of you and your colleagues to **STOP** this ridiculous EPA proposal before it causes tremendous damage to our industry and the economy.

Thank you for your support on my views.



Laura L. Badeaux
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Georgia Gulf Corporation
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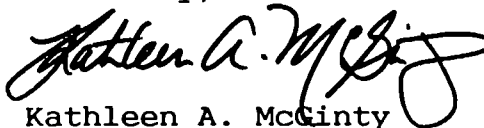
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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The Honorable Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Asst. to President & Director
Office of Environmental Policy

Dear Sir/Madam:

It has come to my attention that the Clinton Administration has asked Congress for authorization to develop a plan to "prohibit, reduce, or substitute (for) the use of chlorine and chlorinated compounds" as part of the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act.

If such a ruling is passed in Congress it will not only destroy my ten-year career in the chemical industry, but hundreds of thousands (perhaps millions) of jobs, careers, livelihoods of Americans in the chemical manufacturing sector of our country's business makeup.

Chlorine is the basic source of thousands upon thousands of products used in the daily life of American consumers. Such a drastic reduction in its manufacturing would cause economic havoc, a revolutionary change in the lifestyles of most Americans, and would certainly ruin the livelihood of numerous hardworking voters.

I have personally seen, over the last ten years, both the chemical industry and the Environmental Protection Agency make revolutionary changes and advancements in the on-going effort to better control and protect the environment of both chemical industry workers and our surrounding neighbors. I have always felt safe and protected from harm's way when I am at my work station because of these efforts by business and governmental agencies. I am actually at far greater risk of personal harm during my drive time to and from the workplace than I am once I reach my job.

The fact that Chlorine production is both safeguarded by regulations and safety standards and is a viable base chemical element in the production of thousands upon thousands of commodities all Americans use in their daily lives far out weighs the minor percentage of risks of accidental harm to producers and neighbors of industry. In the case of the slow depletion of the earth's ozone, scientific evidence has proven that the depletion of natural rain forests (trees) and automobile exhaust systems create far greater risk to our upper atmosphere. Emphasis on these problematic situations are far more important and economically more viable than attempting to realine industrial production, especially when such production enhances the lifestyles of all Americans through the production of needed goods.

The prohibition of chlorine production would literally ruin the economic base of Southern Louisiana as well as other industrial-based areas throughout the USA. The economic impact would be devastating to the country. Actually, I can not understand such rash thought processes. Such thinking defies my logical thought patterns. Through time and on-going research American industry is certainly capable of continued limitation of pollution without taking drastic measures suggested by a minority of radical reactionaries. I discuss often with fellow industrial workers and neighbors/friends not directly employed in industry the whys, the needs, the desire and actual efforts on-going to keep the environment safe. Believe me, the average American, the "Silent Majority", if you may, believes in moderate continued research and development in safeguarding the environment without use of radical, economically shattering, prohibitive methods.

We all must live and breathe in this world. We all care for the health and welfare of ourselves and our families. We in the chemical industry are not villains, not slaves to the dollar bill. We want to work in a safe environment and we put forth efforts every workday to assure that reality. Please let reason be a better part of your judgement and listen to the wishes of the majority of Americans....allow industry to continue its work and consumers enjoy the benefits of lifestyle. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Yours Truly,
Tryve Brackin
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Jewel G. Boyd
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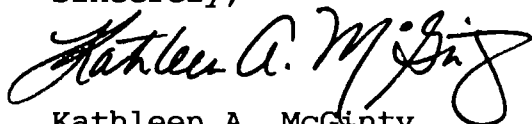
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Jewel G. Boyd
58270 Canal St.
Plaquemine, LA 70764
February 18, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Office of Environmental Policy

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing regarding EPA's request for a study for prohibition of chlorine and I am vehemently opposed to such action. It is absolutely unfounded and unfair.

Without the use of chlorine, our health care would suffer. Every single one of us would be affected. In today's society, I personally do not think we would survive without it.

The chlorine industry provides employment to more than a million people whose jobs would be threatened. Damage to the U.S. economy would be severe.

If the chlorine recommendation is not removed from the Clean Water Act, I will strongly oppose it and I urge you to do the same.

Yours very truly,

Jewel G. Boyd

THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 10, 1994

Ms. Paula Behrnes
295 East Irene Road
Zachary, LA 70791

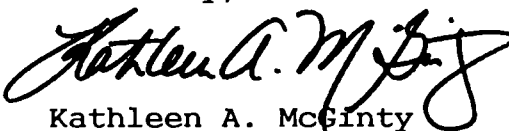
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Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,

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

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Paula J. Behrman
295 E. Irene Rd
Zachary, LA 70791

Feb 14, 1994

Office of Environmental Policy
Deputy Asst. to the President & Director
Kathleen McGinty
Old Executive Office Building
Room 360
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am deeply concerned by the recent announcement by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to propose an eventual ban on chlorine and chlorinated compounds. This proposal is being considered as part of the overhauling of the Clean Water Act that will be reviewed by Congress this month.

As a concerned citizen involved in the chlorine industry, I wish to raise the following concerns:

- 1) The targeting of chlorine and chlorinated compounds in the Clean Water Act is unfair and scientifically unfounded. The Clean Water Act is to prevent water pollution. If these chemicals are targeted in this act, all of them will be treated the same. They should not be part of this act.
- 2) This section was proposed in a light most favorable to activist groups like Greenpeace and U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) but excluded interests of the people most immediately affected - the chemical industry.
- 3) Our lives are touched daily by chlorine in "good" and vital areas. Here are just a few:
 - a. It protects our drinking water from harmful germs and bacteria.
 - b. It protects our food from contamination, i.e. plastic

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c. It is used in 85% of medicines.

d. It is used as a cost effective component of plastics.
Even your car is composed of chlorine related products -
some interior + exterior parts.

So, as you take your vitamin with a glass of water,
pack your lunch and drive to work, you're taking
for granted those benefits of chlorine and chlorinated
compounds.

4. Eliminating chlorine and chlorinated related products
will cost jobs! In Louisiana, over \$3,000,000,000
are invested in this area. Over 100,000 workers are
employed by 40 facilities. These are "tax paying"
citizens that help the Louisiana and United
States economy survive.

The chlorine proposal doesn't belong in the Clean Water
Act and I ask that the proposal be rejected and the
Clean Water Act amended without it.

Sincerely,

Paula J. Behrnes

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Mr. Denny C. Bujol
60125 Lafourche Street
Plaquemine, LA 70764

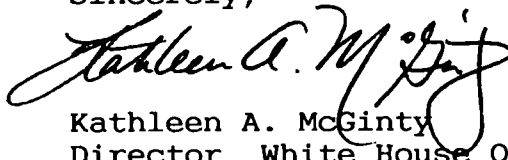
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Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

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

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Denny C. Bujol
60125 Lafourche Street
Plaquemine, LA 70764

February 14, 1994

Office of Environmental Policy
Deputy Asst. to the President & Director
Kathleen McGinty
Old Executive Office Building Room 360
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I hope you will take a few moments to read my comments on the EPA proposing a ban to prohibit, reduce or substitute the use of chlorine.

As you well know, the uses of chlorine and chlorinated compounds are needed to meet the vital needs of every day life. Banning the use of chlorine will mean the cost of jobs to nearly 97,000 people in the state of Louisiana alone. We work very hard to earn an honest living and I Do Not Agree with this ridiculous proposal. We do not depend on the Federal government to provide us with any income to run our household. Imagine what impact the loss of 97,000 jobs would have on the Federal Government.

I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO LISTEN TO THIS VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE. PLEASE DO NOT LET THEM BAN THE USE OF CHLORINE. WE NEED OUR JOBS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Denny Bujol", written in a cursive style.

Denny C. Bujol

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Ms. Gina Bourgoyne
33060 Adams Drive
White Castle, LA 70788

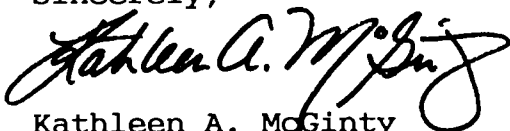
Dear Ms. Bourgoyne:

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

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FEBRUARY 17, 1994

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM SENDING THIS LETTER TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN AND VIEWS ON SEVERAL ISSUES, BUT FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT IS MY CONCERN FOR THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S RECOMMENDATION TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF CHLORINE. I BELIEVE ANYONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF CHLORINE, ITS PRODUCTION AND USES CANNOT GIVE ANY CONSIDERATION TO THE SUGGESTIONS OF PEOPLE, WHO HAVE NOT PROVIDED THE PUBLIC WITH ANY SOLID PROOF OR EVIDENCE THAT CHLORINE HAS BEEN DIRECTLY LINKED TO ILLNESSES OR DEATHS.

IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR SOMEONE LIKE MYSELF WHO HAS WORKED AT CHEMICAL PLANTS TO SUPPORT A SON ALONE, INSTEAD OF ABUSING THE WELFARE SYSTEM TO IMAGINE HOW MY LIFE AND MY SON'S WOULD HAVE EXISTED WITHOUT THE PRODUCTION OF CHLORINE, WHICH SUSTAINS OUR PLANTS. THE ELIMINATION OF CHLORINE WOULD CAUSE FAR GREATER PROBLEMS FOR ALL CONCERNED THAN ANY GOOD THAT WOULD COME FROM SUCH A UNIMAGINATIVE SITUATION.

AS A SINGLE PARENT OF A NINETEEN YEAR OLD SON, I ALSO HAVE TO ASK MYSELF, WHERE WILL HE BE WITHOUT THE OPPORTUNITY OF WORKING AT THE VARIOUS PLANTS IN OUR AREA. THE ANSWERS I COME UP WITH ARE NOT VERY PRETTY ONES, BUT I AM SURE HE COULD TURN TO THE WELFARE SYSTEM AS SO MANY OTHERS IN OUR STATE DO, AND WOULD HAVE TO DO, WITHOUT THE MILLIONS OF JOBS PROVIDED BY THESE PLANTS.

THE NEXT PROBLEM WOULD BE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO GENERATE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR ALL THESE NON-WORKING PROGRAMS WITHOUT TAX PAYERS LIKE MYSELF, WHO HAVE WORKED LONG AND HARD TO SUPPORT OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ABLE OR IN MANY CASES NOT WILLING TO WORK. I HAVE FELT FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER THAT THE SYSTEM IS NOT A FAIR SYSTEM FOR THE WORKING PEOPLE, BUT ITS SOMETHING I CANNOT CONTROL AND UNTIL RECENTLY GOVERNMENT HAS NOT DEVOTED MUCH TIME TO ELIMINATING OR REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON WELFARE. THE GOVERNMENT REWARDS PEOPLE FOR NOT WORKING AND PUNISHES US WHO DO WORK, WHICH WOULD AGAIN BE THE CASE IF THIS ISSUE IS EVEN PERSUED, BECAUSE I WOULD BE PAYING TAXES TO PERFORM A STUDY WHICH MAY EVENTUALLY TAKE AWAY MY JOB.

I RETURN TO THE MAIN ISSUE, THE ELIMINATION OF CHLORINE, WOULD ULTIMATELY MEAN THE ELIMINATION OF MILLIONS OF JOBS AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE GOVERNMENT CAN WASTE TIME AND MONEY ON CONSIDERING THIS ISSUE. IF YOU ARE REALLY CONCERNED WHY NOT PERFORM A SURVEY AND FIND OUT WHAT IS REALLY KILLING PEOPLE, DRUGS, DRUGS AND DRUGS! NOT CHLORINE! IF YOU REALLY WANT TO SAVE LIVES NOW AND IN THE FUTURE, YOU MUST REALIZE THAT CHLORINE IS NOT A KILLER AND DEVOTE YOUR TIME AND MONEY TO THE SAME THING WE ALL SHOULD, THE ELIMINATION OF DRUGS IN THIS COUNTRY AND THE TREATMENT OF THOSE WHOM WE HAVE ALREADY LET SLIP THRU LIFE WITHOUT DRUG EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE.

I PRAY THAT YOU WILL HEAR MY PLEA FOR A BETTER TOMMOROW AND ADVISE THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY THAT THEIR SUGGESTION WILL NOT SAVE LIVES, BUT ONLY PUT MORE PEOPLE OUT OF WORK WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY MEAN MORE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE STREETS, HOMELESS, HUNGRY AND TURNING TO CRIME TO SUSTAIN THEIR LIVES AND THEIR FAMILIES, WHICH I THINK YOU WILL AGREE WE HAVE FAR TOO MANY ALREADY.

THE ENVIRONMENT IS IMPORTANT, BUT AT THIS TIME I THINK WE HAVE SUFFICIENT RULES AND REGULATIONS IN PLACE AND IT SHOULD NOT BE OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY. THESE ARE MY VIEWS BASED ON A VERY PERSONAL LEVEL, SO AGAIN PLEASE CONSIDER MY VIEWS AS I AM ONLY ONE OF MANY, WHO DEPEND ON CHLORINE TO LIVE.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

Gina Bourgoyne

GINA BOURGOYNE
33060 ADAMS DRIVE
WHITE CASTLE, LOUISIANA 70788

PHONE: 504-545-3647

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Mr. Darrel Braussand
45027 Riverside Estate
St. Amont, LA 70774

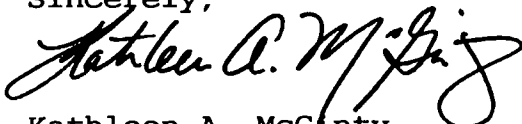
Dear Mr. Braussand:

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Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl

February 14, 1994

Deputy Asst. to the Pres. and Dir.

Kathleen McGinty
Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
Room 360
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am a chlorine plant operator in St. Gabriel, Louisiana and the recent recommendation by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on chlorine is scientifically unfounded.

Prohibiting the use of chlorine and chlorinated compounds without justification would cause irreparable damage to the U.S. economy. This act would place our industry in grave consequences, including the loss of many jobs, mine included.

You are reminded that chlorine and chlorine compounds are used to meet the most vital needs of modern life, such as:

1. Protecting the public water supply
2. Use in 85 percent of all medicines
3. Use in 96 percent of crop-protection chemicals
4. Hospitals and food-handling cleanliness
5. Keeping swimming pools safe
6. Food fresh and free of contamination

We are opposed to the process that EPA added this section on chlorine to the Clean Water Act, as it is definitely unbalanced.

I am requesting that you consider the many benefits of chlorine and chlorinated compounds and look at the various issues before making any decisions. The chlorine proposal does not belong in the Clean Water Act.

Sincerely,

Daniel Brumfield
45027 Riverside Estate
St Ann, La
70774

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Mr. James Bratcher
10864 Glenn Watts Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70818

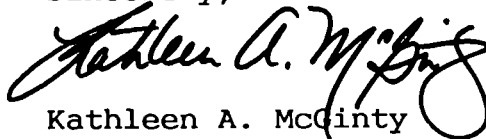
Dear Mr. Bratcher:

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February 14, 1994

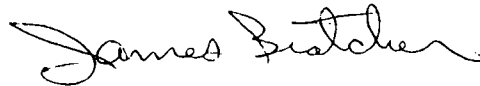
Office of Environmental Policy
Deputy Asst to the President & Director
Kathleen McGinty
Old Executive Office Building
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Please note my strong objection to any moves EPA makes toward the ban of chlorine and any of its derivatives. The total impact of such an unwanted move would be economically unbelievable. I do not want to go back to an era when chlorine was not available as a building block for other chemicals, i.e. the last century and before. Medical, agriculture, building, government, industry and other areas would be greatly affected.

I need your support in preventing this injustice from becoming the law of the land.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Bratcher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

James Bratcher
10864 Glenn Watts Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70818

THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 11 1994

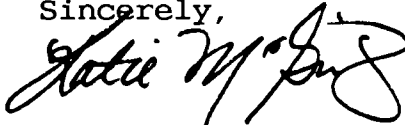
Mr. Charles E. Bravo
Manager
Environmental Management Policy
Engineering
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Mr. Bravo:

Thank you for your letter of January 31. I would like to express my appreciation for the pin and coffee cup you enclosed with your letter.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen McGinty", written over the typed name.

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

KAM/jdm



January 31, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President & Director
White House Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501-0001

Dear Ms. McGinty:

During the recent meeting of the Federal Fleet Conversion Task Force, I gave Mark Chupka of your staff a Postal Service pin based on the "Protect the Environment...Save the Rain Forest" stamped envelope. We thought you would also appreciate one of these pins.

In addition, I am enclosing a coffee cup which we use to promote environmental awareness. Our postal managers are furnished these cups during environmental training seminars as a reminder of our environmental commitment.

If you need information on our environmental programs or more pins and cups, please contact me at (202) 268-6188.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles E. Bravo".

Charles E. Bravo
Manager
Environmental Management Policy
Engineering

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Mr. Kenneth Baldwin
P.O. Box 40
Douglas City, CA 96024

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

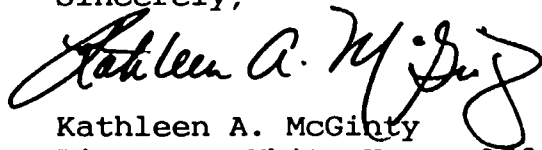
Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about President Clinton's Forest Management Plan. It was good to hear from you.

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

After receiving over 100,000 comments on the proposed plan, we are now working to refine it further and expect to submit it to the court by the end of March. I appreciate learning your views on this very important issue.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl

P. O Box 40
Douglas City, CA 96024
January 28, 1994

Katie McGinty
Old Executive Office Building, Rm. 360
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms McGinty,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to Bruce Babbitt regarding the Clinton Administration's forest plan. I urge you to support the changes I have outlined in that letter as I believe they will help to adequately protect the anadromous fisheries habitat in northern California and the Pacific Northwest. Won't you join with me in passing on to our children a legacy we can be proud of? Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Baldwin

Kenneth C. Baldwin
Registered Professional Forester #1855

P. O Box 40
Douglas City, CA 96024
January 28, 1994

Bruce Babbitt
Department of the Interior,
1849 C St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Sir,

I am writing regarding the Clinton Administration's forest plan. I am a California registered professional forester who has worked on every District of the Shasta-Trinity, Klamath, and Six Rivers National Forests in northwestern California during the past 22 years. During this time I have observed the rapid pace of roading in and liquidation of old growth forests and the consequent adverse impact on water quality, instream fisheries habitat, and old growth dependent wildlife habitat. I have not seen a timber harvest plan, public or private, which has admitted to creating adverse impacts on fisheries or wildlife, yet the evidence remains that the cumulative effects of the timber sales in this region have been adverse. One needs only drive down State highway 299 along the Trinity River during a storm to see the effect of harvesting on sediment deposition into streams. All the streams entering the Trinity from the south, where roading and logging have occurred, run brown with silt while those entering from the north, which is primarily in the Salmon-Trinity Alps Wilderness, run clear.

Excessive logging and its impact on instream habitat has certainly contributed to the decline in anadromous fisheries. This has directly and indirectly affected the livelihood of many people in this region. Continuing declines in the fishery may well result in the listing of salmonids as endangered species, which will result in even further impacts to our regional economy.

For years I have advocated leaving our remaining roadless areas unroaded and unlogged and I still advocate this. Something like 80% of sediment yield comes from roads. Given the current level of roading in our watersheds it is imperative that we mitigate the existing erosion problems before we create more sources of erosion. This could be done by removing, surfacing, reconstructing, and/or adequately maintaining existing roads, by replacing failing drainage structures, and by revegetating exposed slopes.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 16, 1994

Ms. Gayle Bahn
Senior Environmental
Technical Specialist
Olin Chemicals Corporation
P.O. Box 248
1186 Lower River Road
Charleston, TN 37310

Dear Ms. Bahn:

This is to notify you that I am in receipt of your letter to Robert Boorstin regarding your thoughts about chlorine study and the Clean Water Act reauthorization. It was good to hear from you.

Rest assured that neither EPA nor this Administration has made any decision in the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act that would restrict or ban the use of chlorine or chlorinated compounds. Because of the continuing rigorous public debate on this matter, EPA has proposed a thorough and careful review of the issues. I assure you that the proposed EPA study will be conducted in a fair, objective and balanced fashion, using the best available information and with the participation of all interested parties.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with us.

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

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P.O. BOX 248, 1186 LOWER RIVER ROAD, CHARLESTON, TN 37310

Phone: (615) 336-4000

February 16, 1994

Special Asst to the Pres for Policy
Coordination, Robert O. Boorstin
Executive Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Boorstin:

I am writing to request your assistance on an urgent matter that is of great concern to our local plant here, our state and to Olin Corporation. On February 23rd, the full Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works is expected to mark up a version of S.1114, the Water Pollution Prevention and Control Act. This bill may become the vehicle for potentially harmful language, ultimately banning the use of chlorine and its compounds - a vital chemical for many of Olin's processes and products. We already have several concerns with the bill, as drafted, but it is the chlorine issue in particular that prompts this letter.

On February 2, during a news conference on the Clean Water Act Reauthorization, Carol Browner outlined a policy based on the supposition that, as a class of chemicals, chlorine and all chlorine-based compounds are harmful to human health and the environment - a sentiment long held by some in the environmental community and one which lacks scientific basis.

Olin will oppose any efforts to prohibit or reduce chlorine use in our products and processes where such efforts are not supported by sound science. Olin believes that the EPA should base its policies on science, not supposition. We encourage aggressive, peer-reviewed scientific study of chlorine and its compounds in a process that includes participation by all vital constituencies. We support the use of risk assessment and risk management to identify unacceptable risks and prioritize actions to reduce or eliminate the use of harmful compounds.

We recognize that chlorine is an emerging issue in certain segments of the public. We believe that some chlorine-based compounds may be a cause of concern, and we fully support efforts to approach these concerns from a scientific basis.

The policy shift on chlorine regulation announced by EPA on February 2 was not based on scientific analysis and did not include the input of the vital industries and services that rely on the chemical. This is wrong. We need your help to encourage your colleagues on the Senate Environment Committee to influence the debates on reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. We must assure that our environmental policies are based on sound judgment, reason and science as opposed to emotion and supposition. In short, we want to participate in the process.

I would be glad to speak with you or your staff on this issue. We are very concerned about EPA's policies and want to make sure that our concerns are apparent to Environment Committee members before February 23rd. Thank you very much for your attention to this issue and your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Gayle M. Bahn".

Gayle M. Bahn
Sr. Environmental Technical Specialist

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 25, 1994

Rudy Boesch
Box 691
Hailey, ID 83333

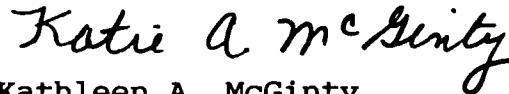
Dear Friend:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your thoughts about the U.S. Air Force's proposed bombing range in Owyhee County, Idaho. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, the protection of our nation's valuable natural resources continues to be one of the Administration's highest priorities. I appreciate learning your views about the potential environmental impacts of the proposed bombing range. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security for review of the specific issues that you raise. I am sure that your concerns will be given the appropriate consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



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

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1994

Mr. William T. Casey
Box 538
Sun Valley, ID 83353

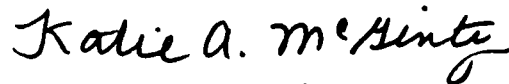
Dear Mr. Casey:

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Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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March 25, 1994

Mr. William Huxford
P.O. Box 15
Hailey, ID 83333

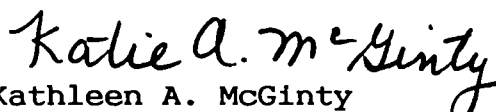
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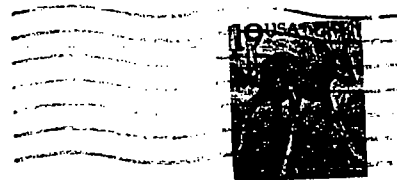
Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl

Rudy Boesch
Box 691
Hailey, Id.
83333



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



Dear President Clinton,

I oppose the Idaho Training Range. This area, managed by the BLM, consists of over 25,000 acres of pristine canyon lands. Governor Andrus would like to make a trade for this land and build a state owned training range. Because of the vast size of this BLM parcel, Congress should be involved in any land transfer decisions.

Please look into this matter.

Sincerely,

William T. Casig
Box 538
San Valley, Idaho 83353

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William T. Casig
Hailey, Idaho

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1994

Ms. Carol Botsolas, President
Ms. Robin L. McElfresh, Materials Manager
Proto Corporation
10500 47th Street North
Clearwater, FL 34622

Dear Ms. Botsolas & Ms. McElfresh:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your thoughts about chlorine study and the Clean Water Act reauthorization. It was good to hear from you.

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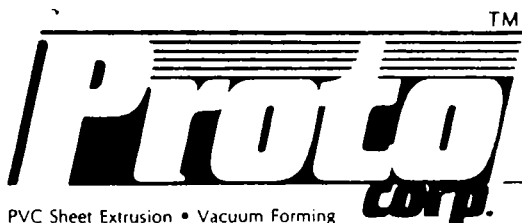
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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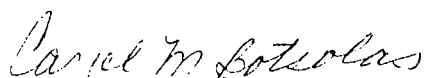
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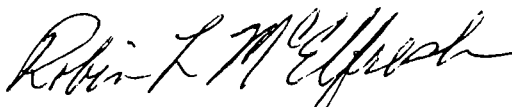
Writing to you in regards of the EPA study on the Clean Water Act. EPA poses and recommends a need to develop a strategy to prohibit, reduce or substitute the use of chlorine. If we think about it-- prohibiting chlorine and chlorinated compounds without justification would cause extreme damage to the U.S. economy and would definitely diminish global competitiveness. What have we been striving for ?

Are you aware that more than 1.3 million people are employed by chlorine-dependent industries. Have you though about the net trade surplus? Nearly all the U.S. industries use chlorine and other forms of chlorine by- products, in daily operations. Not to mention chlorine's role in health care, medicines, disinfectants, crop-protection chemicals and plastics.

This recommendation on chlorine is scientifically unfounded, and definitely an unbalanced process. The recommendation on chlorine does not belong in the Clean Water Act. The Act was designed to prevent pollution, not prohibit the use of chemicals. We oppose this recommendation and strongly urge that you take a long hard look all the facts and concerns that face this Act.

Best Regards,


Carol Botsolas
President


Robin L. McElfresh
Materials Manager

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1994

Mr. David Bartholow
Senior Project Control Engineer
Elf Atochem North America, Inc
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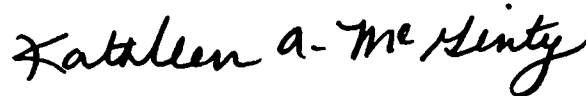
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March 10, 1994

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SUBJECT: U.S. EPA Proposal to Phaseout Chlorine

Dear Ms. McGinty,

As Senior Project Control Engineer of Elf Atochem North America's Central Engineering Department, I am writing to express to you my opposition to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Browner's recent proposal for development of a plan to "prohibit, reduce or substitute (for) the use of chlorine" over the next 3 years.

What is especially disturbing about Administrator Browner's announcement is that it reflects a continuing pattern that has excluded industry's input into the Agency's public policy-making process. In the case of chlorine, the Administrator has sought to prejudice the public policy debate in advance of sound scientific assessment and in the absence of input by all stakeholders.

By way of background, Elf Atochem North America is a diversified process chemical manufacturer employing more than 5,200 people nationwide with 33 manufacturing facilities in 17 U.S. states. The Company is headquartered in Philadelphia, PA and reports annual sales of just under \$2 billion. Major product/market segments include: commodity organic and inorganic chemicals and chemical intermediates; specialty chemicals; agricultural chemicals, and polymers.

Chlorine and chlorinated compounds are essential to society

The EPA proposal makes no sense. The proposed ban represents an unscientific approach to regulating chemicals because it proposes prohibiting or reducing the use of chlorine and chlorinated compounds without regard to whether such a significant burden on society is warranted.

Chlorine and chlorinated compounds are used to meet some of the most essential and vital needs of modern society, including: protecting our public water supply, and in 85% of all medicines, 96% of all crop protection chemicals, all vinyl plastics and

thousands of other products (manufactured in the US and marketed globally) that are the basis of modern life.

Approximately 1.3 million US jobs depend on the chlorine industry. Wages and salaries total more than \$30 billion a year. Further, almost 40 % of all US jobs and income depend in some way on chlorine and products of the chlorine industry. Two hundred and twelve industries use chlorine and related compounds, generating 45 million jobs and \$1.6 trillion in economic activity -- including a \$3 billion net trade surplus.

Process for Evaluating & Minimizing Risk is Already Underway

Scientific experts have concluded that chlorinated compounds span a wide range and should not be considered as a single group for purposes of risk assessment. The EPA proposal would short-circuit such initiatives based on scientific risk assessment, including current projects relating to a reassessment of dioxin and chlorine's use in the pulp and paper industry.

With the exception of a few persistent, biocumulative chlorinated organic chemicals (e.g. DDT) in localized areas resulting from historical uses, current concentrations of chlorine and chlorinated compounds have not been shown to cause adverse effects on humans or the environment. Continuing technological improvements are expected to lower the already low risks of adverse effects related to chlorine in the environment.

Thank you for your consideration the points raised in this letter. I hope that, upon a careful review of the implications of the EPA proposal, that this administration will adopt a policy based on (1) credible science that weighs all the evidence in an even-handed manner, including an evaluation of potential alternatives; (2) a fair and balanced process that involves all stakeholders; and (3) weighs social and economic factors.

Respectfully yours,



David Bartholow
Senior Project Control Engineer

cc: Mr. Charles A. Kitchen
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1994

Mr. Sean Booth
1400 W. Third Street #334
Chico, CA 95928

Dear Mr. Booth:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about President Clinton's Forest Management Plan. It was good to hear from you.

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KAM/jdm

March 17, 1994

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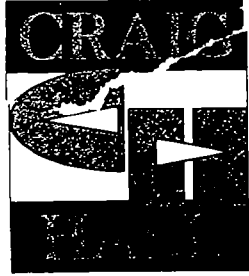
The last time I wrote to our government was in the third grade because our teacher told us to do so. Today I write because I hope my voice will be heard to save our last remaining ancient forests in the Siskiyou-Klamath forests. As a backpacker and hiker, these temperate rainforests mean something special to me. But as an educated college student, I realize our undisturbed forests represent much more than recreation. They represent a complex ecosystem as a sanctuary for wildlife, as habitat for biodiversity and a safety-net for our well-being. The Siskiyou mountains are the last stand of our most diverse temperate rainforest in this unique bio-region. I won't waste your time, but I urge you to save this last remaining forest. We must set an example for the rest of the world, such as Brazil, who are destroying their rainforests.

- 1) I urge you to fully protect all roadless areas within this Siskiyou - Klamath wildlands. Choose Option 1 to protect all the remaining ancient forest and roadless areas permanently closed to logging.
- 2) Please protect the crucial wildlife corridors such as Soda Mountain Pilot Ridge, which is a vital link for wildlife between the Klamath-Siskiyou and Cascade mountain range
- 3) Please prohibit logging interest from clear-cutting key watershed areas (that cause erosion into mountain streams) to protect the Salmon runs.
- 4) Please save the Upper Applegate / Kangaroo Roadless areas on the Rogue River National Forest
- 5) Please protect all of the North Kalmiopsis forest area

Please keep these ancient forest wild! I believe the long-term sustainability of our forests and ecosystems far outweigh the short-term benefits of logging these wonderful ancient forest. I would like to be proud our country will set an example to the world that we know when to stop destroying our precious wildlands and complex ecosystems, and show them we care about our environment to enjoy by us and wildlife.

Sincerely, Sean Both

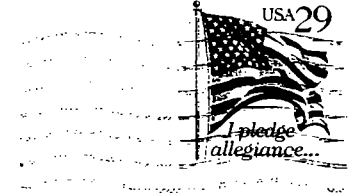
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President Bill Clinton

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1994

Larry and Sharon Bazor
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Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

KAM/jdm

March 15, 1994

President Bill Clinton
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Director, Office Of Environmental Policy
Room 360, Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

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April 1, 1994

Mr. Richard Berger
11350 20th Avenue, NE
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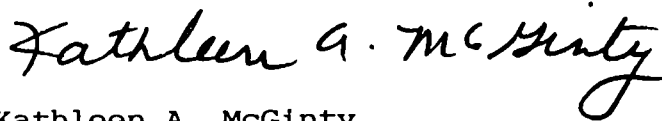
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March 17, 1994

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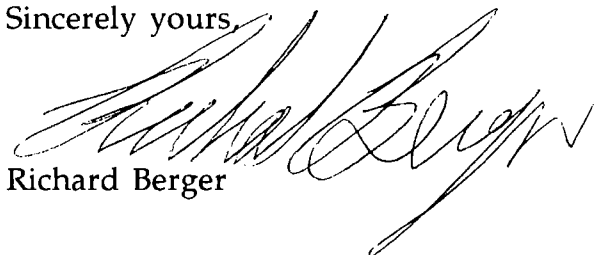
I am writing in regard to the Record of Decision for the Northwest Forest Plan that you have scheduled for signing on the 30th of this month. I urge you and your administration to fully protect all roadless areas. If all the roadless areas in the northwest were fully protected, it would lower the timbersale level by only 6% and it would significantly improve our chances for preserving salmon, wildlife, and water quality. The Forest Service has got to stop destroying salmon spawning grounds or the salmon will never be able to recover. I know that the Forest Service intends to go right on logging in key watersheds after they complete their "analyses," and this will destroy not only wildlife habitat, but the Northwest as we know it.

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President Clinton, I have watched up close for the last 10 years as more and more of what makes the Northwest the rich and beautiful country that it is has been cut down before my eyes -- clearcut in the grossest way with the worst mismanagement. Now not only does the countryside look like the back of a mangy

animal, but our tourist industry is being damaged, we have no salmon fishing this year, and we've had "100 year floods" every few years! Only the most shortsighted, ignorant, and greedy people could think of destroying what is left here. This is not and should not be a political decision! What will the politics of today matter when our trees and wildlife are gone? when the salmon are gone? when the hikers are gone? When even the timber industry has run itself into extinction. I expect you to make some clear, sound decisions here for the long-term health of our region and all its inhabitants, not for short-term profit.

Sincerely yours,

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Richard Berger

THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 1, 1994

Mr. Roger Butterfield
1400 Arnold Lane
Medford, OR 97501

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

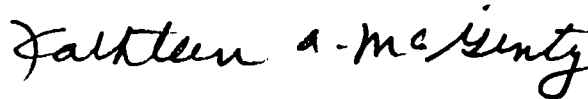
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Director, White House Office on
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KAM/jdm

Hello -
Thanks for a good job - So Far.
Keep it up! --
I have great Faith in this administration
Please, don't let us down.
Roger

President Bill Clinton
c/o Katy McGinty/Will Stelle
White House Office of Environmental Policy
Room 360, Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

RE: PNW Forest Plan
FSEIS-ROD Changes

Dear President Clinton,

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Sincerely,

Roger Butterfield
Date: 3-8-94

Name: ROGER BUTTERFIELD
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 1, 1994

Mr. Lori Boberg
2883 Grant
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Dear Ms. Boberg:

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Soda Mountain Wilderness Council

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Sincerely,

Lori Ann Boberg

Date: 3-18-94

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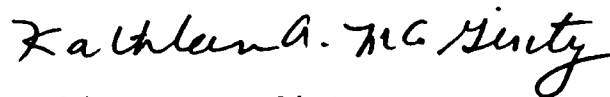
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Stephanie McKnight, Stacy McKnight
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March 15, 1994

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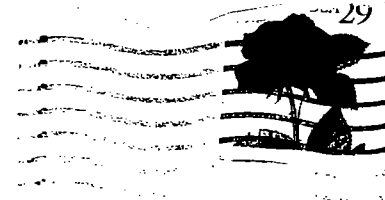
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President Bill Clinton

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1994

Ms. Sofia Bezak
444 Saratoga Avenue #17K
Santa Clara, CA 95951

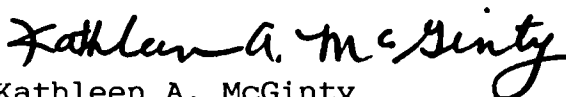
Dear Ms. Bezak:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts on sustainable development issues in Ecuador. As always, it was good to hear from you.

As you know, President Clinton and I are committed to the protection of our global natural resource base in a manner that continues to allow sustainable economic growth. I appreciate learning your insights into the Organization of Indigenous Peoples of Pastaza and the Atlantic Richfield Company. Since my return from Ecuador last fall, I have been contacted by and consulted with a wide variety of interests involved in sustainable development issues in the Andean region. Rest assured that I understand your concerns.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



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

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Sofia Bezak
444 Saratoga Ave. #17K
Santa Clara, CA,
95051

TO: Katie McGinty
Director of Environmental Policy

I have written to Lodwick Cook,
Chairman of the Board and CEO of ARCO,
regarding ARCO's involvement in Ecuador.
I urged him to ~~please~~ listen to and work
with OPIP (Organization of Indigenous Peoples
of Pastaza) toward a plan for ~~s~~sustainable
environmental management in Ecuador.

Thank you,

Sofia Bezak

THE WHITE HOUSE

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April 15, 1994

Mr. Tom Benson
Environmental Actions Manager- U.S.
North American Consumer Products
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S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc.
1525 Howe Street
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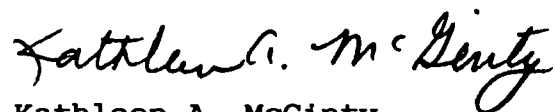
Dear Mr. Benson:

Thank you for contacting me about aerosol can recycling and for the information you enclosed. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I am committed to the preservation of our natural resources. I certainly appreciate learning about the possibilities for expanding steel recycling opportunities. Please be assured that your information will be carefully reviewed.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

KAM/jdm



S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc.
1525 Howe Street
Racine, WI 53403-5011
Phone: (414) 631-2000

February 16, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director, Office on Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

If someone told you about an easy way communities could divert additional waste from landfills and save money by recycling a common household item, you would probably want to know more about it. Currently nearly 600 municipalities across the country are successfully and economically recycling empty aerosol cans.

These containers, which are made of steel, the world's most recycled material, surprisingly have not been included in most recycling programs. This is even more startling given the strength and stability of the steel market, where scrap steel from aerosols and other steel cans, including those containing foods and juices, is a recognized and valued commodity.

Misinformation about basic facts has probably delayed progress on aerosol recycling. As an example, we commissioned a Roper poll entitled "America's Environmental GPA" which found that 86 percent of Americans still think aerosols contain ozone-depleting CFCs. As you should know, CFCs were banned from all common household aerosols by the U.S. government in 1978. This same poll showed only 15% of Americans know steel is the most recycled material.

Such misperceptions are addressed and facts are provided in the enclosed information. This kit answers commonly asked questions about aerosols and explains why it is in a community's best interest to start recycling empty aerosols today. Also included are letters of support from groups such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA), as well as a White Paper and Executive Summary from a recent conference on aerosol recycling.



I hope you will spend a few minutes reading over this material. Recycling is a critical issue for all communities, not only from an environmental standpoint but a business one as well, as it is important you and your members have accurate, up-to-date information on the subject.

If you should have additional questions, please feel free to call me at (414) 631-2960 or the Steel Recycling Institute at (800) 876-7274. The Institute, a recognized leader in this effort, is responsible for much of the progress on aerosol can recycling to date. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Benson".

Tom Benson
Environmental Actions Manager - U.S.
North American Consumer Products

JTB/sr
Enclosure

cc: William Heenan - Steel Recycling Institute

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1994

Ms. Jennifer Brinkley
3820 West Park Street
Pasco, WA 99301

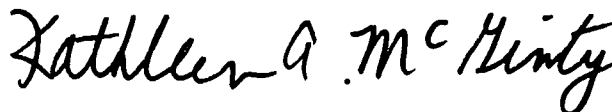
Dear Ms. Brinkley:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the management of the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska. It was good to hear from you.

President Clinton and I are committed to the protection of our valuable natural resources in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. The U.S. Forest Service has notified the Alaska Lumber and Paper (ALP) that they are in breach of their contract. The administration is currently reviewing ALP's proposed recommendations for future operations, and a final decision will be forthcoming before April 15.

I certainly appreciate learning your views about the Tongass National Forest and Sitka and the surrounding region's economy. Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/avl

1994 March 30

Vice President Al Gore
c/o Katie McGinty
Executive Office Building
Suite #274
Washington, DC 20501

Vice President Gore:

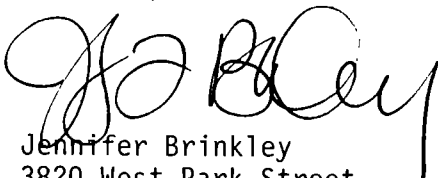
This letter is to thank your Administration's letter of intent to revoke the 50-year contract with the Alaska Pulp Corporation. A Company that has been monopolizing the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska for far to long.

I ask that the Administration cancels their contract, and gives them no chance to modify the existing conditions to try and obtain their rights to destroy the Tongass National Forest anymore than they already have. Also, the contract which was awarded to Ketchikan Pulp Company, a company that has also misused the rights given to them, should be cancelled. Both companies have shown their disregard for our environment, an environment they destroy out of greed, an environment that can not be replaced. If these companies have conspired to defraud the Administration out of \$60 - 80 million dollars, and have shown such disregard for the Tongass National Forest, than they should lose the rights that they have abused.

Instead of supporting the treachery of the Alaska Pulp Corporation and the Ketchikan Pulp Company, the money subsidized for the contract(s) should be used to help the communities affected by the Tongass National Forest change to become communities of forest dependency rather than communities of forest exploitation.

In an age of destruction, it seems 'we' as a government of example should try and preserve the things in our world which can not be replaced. Such is the case in Alaska, and the Tongass National Forest.

In Greenpeace,



Jennifer Brinkley
3820 West Park Street
Pasco, WA 99301

copy to: Mr. Jim Lyons, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

Name	Date
Peter Rundlet	3/16/00

Counsel

THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 22, 1994

Mr. Gregory A. Bowen
Vice President of Finance
North American Plastics
Central Mississippi Ind. Center
210 Ind. Drive
Madison, MS 39110

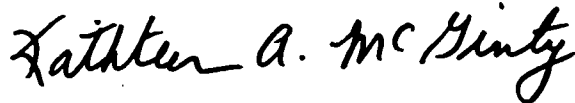
Dear Mr. Bowen:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your thoughts about chlorine study and the Clean Water Act reauthorization. It was good to hear from you.

Rest assured that neither the EPA nor this Administration has made any decision in the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act that would restrict or ban the use of chlorine or chlorinated compounds. Because of the continuing rigorous public debate on this matter, EPA has proposed a thorough and careful review of the issues. I assure you that the proposed EPA study will be conducted in a fair, objective and balanced fashion, using the best available information and with the participation of all interested parties.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



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

KAM/jdm



North American Plastics, Inc.
Central Mississippi Ind. Center
210 Ind. Drive
Madison, Mississippi 39110
(601) 856-8993

March 16, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Asst. to the Pres. and Dir.
Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Bldg, Rm 360
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Our company is a manufacturer of PVC flexible compound which is used in the automotive, building, appliance, computer and other wire and cable industries, the footwear industry and the profile extrusion industry. The company is located in Mississippi with manufacturing facilities in Aberdeen, Mississippi and Madison, Mississippi. The company employs seventy five people with a payroll in excess of two million dollars and expects to expand in 1994 which would add an additional twenty employees. The recent announcement outlining the U.S. EPA's recommendations for re authorization of the Clean Water Act that included the provision to develop "a national strategy for substituting, reducing or prohibiting the use of chlorine and chlorinated compounds" has put the future of our company in very serious jeopardy.

"Prohibiting" the use of chlorine, and products that contain chlorine, without justification, will cause irreparable damage to the U.S. economy and severely diminish U.S. global competitiveness. This provision to "prohibit" is not based on sound science.

Chlorine is the essential ingredient in the manufacture of polyvinyl chloride plastics, commonly known as PVC or vinyl. PVC resin is our primary raw material and without PVC resin our company could not survive. The vinyl industry and its direct customers employ approximately 100,000 people in the U.S. Many more are employed in allied and supplier roles to the vinyl industry, or in end-product production that is dependent on vinyl as a raw material. Products manufactured from PVC other than the ones mentioned above include blood bags, vinyl siding, medical device applications, plumbing and drainage pipe, and numerous other building products.

The process used to arrive at the chlorine recommendation was unfair; EPA included activists such as Greenpeace in the process, but excluded those who would be most immediately affected such as industry. This unbalanced process used to make this



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recommendation is a direct departure from President Clinton's pledge to run an open, inclusive Administration.

This action is unnecessary and unfounded as the vinyl industry is already fully regulated and operates within those standards, and has a 50-year record of safe performance.

The EPA clearly has a predetermined objective with regard to chlorine and chlorine-containing products such as vinyl. I strongly urge you to consider the very serious implications of the strategy and hope that you will adhere to the importance of sound science and risk assessment when considering any recommendations made when regarding the use of chlorine. The decisions reached will not only affect industry, but will affect the total population of the U.S. as each and every citizen is a beneficiary of the uses of vinyl in their lifestyle each day.

Thank you for giving this issue your most serious attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Greg A. Bowen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gregory A. Bowen
Vice President of Finance

GAB/tlm

cc: File

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1994

Ms. Mercedes Brugh
1315 E. Market
Logansport, IN 46947

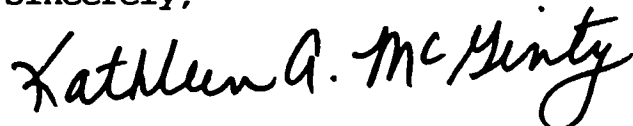
Dear Ms. Brugh:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the management of the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska. It was good to hear from you.

President Clinton and I are committed to the protection of our valuable natural resources in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. The U.S. Forest Service has notified the Alaska Lumber and Paper (ALP) that they are in breach of their contract. The administration is currently reviewing ALP's proposed recommendations for future operations, and a final decision will be forthcoming before April 15.

I certainly appreciate learning your views about the Tongass National Forest and Sitka and the surrounding region's economy. Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen A. McGinty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

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1315 E. MARKET
LOGANSPORT, IN. 46947
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VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE
c/o KATIE MCGINTY
EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING
SUITE #274
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20501

DEAR MR. GORE:

THANK-YOU FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S LETTER OF
INTENT TO REVOKE THE 50-YEAR CONTRACT WITH
ALASKA PULP CORPORATION.

THIS LETTER IS TO URGE THE ADMINISTRATION
TO REVOKE THE A.P.C. CONTRACT.

SINCERELY,
Mercedes Brugh
MERCEDES BRUGH

Name	Date
Peter Rundlet	3/16/2000 Counsel

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1994

Edmund F. Benson
Co-Founder
Arise Foundation
Enviro-Cops/Enviro-Mentors
4001 Edmund F. Benson Blvd.
Miami, FL 33178

Dear Mr. Benson:

Thank you for your letter of March 28, 1994 and the enclosed T-shirts. I wanted to let you know that I passed along the T-shirts to the Clintons.

They were most appreciative of your thinking of them and asked that I thank you on their behalf.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Cathy Zoi
Chief of Staff
The White House Office
On Environmental Policy



March 28, 1994

Cathy Zoi
Chief of Staff
The White House Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20005

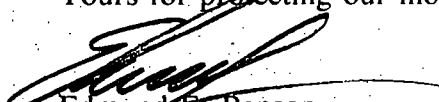
Dear Ms. Zoi:

Congratulations on your recycling and energy reduction efforts at the White House. Now the Clintons can become Enviro-Cops just like the 250,000 Dade County children who have pledged to arrest waste and police pollution. We salute your efforts.

Thanks for setting a good example children and adults around the country can follow. Three cheers for the good guys!

We hope you and the Clintons use the enclosed in the very best of health.

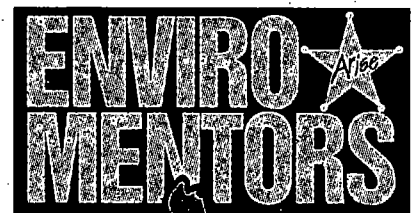
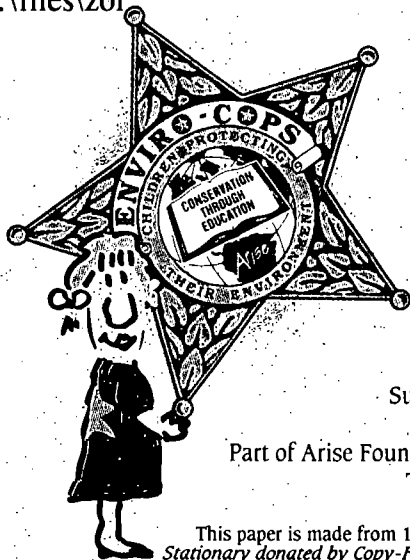
Yours for protecting our most endangered species ... our children,



Edmund F. Benson
Co-founder

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Susan and Edmund Benson Co-Founders
ENVIRO-COPS/ENVIRO-MENTORS
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Enviro-Cops

ENVIRO-COPS Pledge

I stand tall,
I reach for the sky,
I am an Enviro-Cop!

I police pollution
And arrest waste,
I am an Enviro-Cop!

Recycling's my tool, I'm no fool;
I'll eat safe foods, there's no doubt.
I won't cop out!

Thrifty is how I'll be,
Reduce, re-use, recycle
You'll see!

No to drugs,
No to guns,
I'm an ENVIRO-COP on the run!

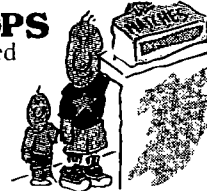
Make no mistake,
I've got what it takes!
I believe, I *WILL* achieve!
I BELIEVE! I *WILL* ACHIEVE!

Arise
FOUNDATION
MAKING THE WORLD SAFE FOR CHILDREN

Pledge written by
Robert B. Ingram, Ph. D
Mayor-City of Opa-Locka, Florida

4001 Edmund F. Benson Blvd., Miami, FL 33178-2384

6. ENVIRO-COPS
are fire-bright, tuned
into fire safety.



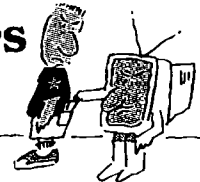
7. ENVIRO-COPS
say "YES" to foods
high in fiber, low
in fat and salt.

8. ENVIRO-COPS
don't want the grief
drugs bring. "NO WAY!"



9. ENVIRO-COPS
say "NO" to
alcohol and tobacco.
"We're not polluting
our bodies."

10. ENVIRO-COPS
are smart shoppers.
They're onto those
sneaky selling tricks
used on TV.



QUESTIONS? CALL THE

Arise
FOUNDATION
MAKING THE WORLD SAFE FOR CHILDREN

ENVIRO-COPS
HOTLINE: 995- COPS
MAIL CODE: 9999 Rm. 548
DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

4001 Edmund F. Benson Blvd., Miami, FL 33178-2384

PROUD TO BE AN ENVIRO-COP ...YOU BET!



Membership Card

1. ENVIRO-COPS

Use less water, electricity,
say "NO" to styrofoam,
throwaways.
"We're savers, not wasters."

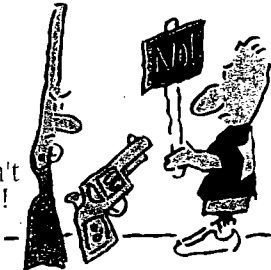


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reduce, reuse, recycle.



3. ENVIRO-COPS

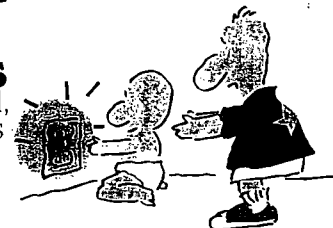
know kids and guns don't
mix. See a gun, Dial 911!



4. ENVIRO-COPS
believe they can achieve.
"We set goals, and
accomplish them."



5. ENVIRO-COPS
are on accident patrol,
keeping little brothers
and sisters out
of harm's way.



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The Miami Herald

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1993



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ENVIRONMENTAL ENTHUSIASM

From left, second-graders Shirley Diaz, Natalie Legra and Lixakarine Padilla, all 8, take the oath Wednesday as "Enviro-Cops." The kids pledged to stop litter, say no to drugs and call

police if they see a gun. The Enviro-Cops program is sponsored by the Arise Foundation, which arranged for mentors to work with children in Dade's public schools.



Now 250,000 strong, the four year old Enviro-Cops program encompasses all Dade County public school children grades two through five.

Enviro-Mentors, high school and college role models volunteer one hour a week, sharing the environmental facts of life with the youngsters, using the award winning Enviro-Cops Guide Book and Lesson Plans.

Susan and Edmund Benson want to see schools around the country implement the Enviro-Cops/ Enviro-Mentors program they developed. The only charge to schools is the cost of related materials.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 11, 1994

Mr. Dan Barry, Director
Clearinghouse on Environmental Advocacy and Research (CLEAR)
1718 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Suite 600
Washington D.C. 20009

Dear Dan:

I would like to thank you for your recent assistance in the development of our outreach mailing list. Your work was integral to the effective and timely completion of the task. We greatly appreciate your taking the time to help.

This Administration is committed to development of partnerships between government and the private sector, and recognizes the integral contribution of non-governmental organizations to the smooth and effective functioning of government. We sincerely appreciate CLEAR's efforts to this end.

Sincerely,

Kathleen McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

FAX

TO: Mr. Matthew Zinn
White House Office on Environmental Policy
FAX: 202-456-2710
202-456-6224
FROM: Dan Barry, CLEAR Director
RE: Fundraising support
DATE: April 7, 1994

MESSAGE: I am writing to request your assistance in a vital task--fundraising.

I am currently in the process of writing a grant to renew funding for CLEAR for a second year. Part of this process involves demonstrating the support and appreciation of those whom have benefited in some way through CLEAR's work. I am sure you are familiar with this type of thing.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few minutes in the next couple of days to write a short paragraph explaining how CLEAR has been useful to you in general or in connection with some specific project. These comments can be very brief, but should appear on your letterhead and be addressed to me at CLEAR.

I am including a sample of this type of letter for your information. If you have any questions, or need help finding the appropriate glowing terms to use in your letter, please don't hesitate to call me.

Please accept my humble thanks in advance for helping out with this important project.





National Parks and Conservation Association



April 11, 1994

Mr. Dan Barry, Director
Clearinghouse on Environmental
Advocacy and Research (CLEAR)
1718 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Dan:

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for your assistance and counsel.

Since I have only been with NPCA for six months, the information on "wise-use" activities regarding national parks has been an invaluable resource. As I continue to familiarize myself with local issues relating to national park issues and resource conservation, the articles, advice, and contacts you have shared with me has been extremely helpful. As more groups organize to fight against protecting the treasures in the National Park System, I look forward to building upon our relationship.

Again, many thanks for your assistance.

Best regards,

Tom Adams
Washington Representative



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 20, 1994

Stanley W. Brice
General Manager
Superior Lubricants International, Inc.
18934 Des Moines Memorial Drive
Sea-Tac, Washington 98148

Dear Mr. Brice:

We have discussed the issues raised in your letter of May 2, 1994, with officials of the General Services Administration and the Defense General Supply Center (DGSC) and offer you the following information.

1. DGSC is the organization that would be responsible for approving and contractually specifying the product for the Department of Defense (DOD). GSA and DOD follow a series of joint regulations covering organizational responsibilities for approving these products. Testing and approval of Federal Class 9150, which covers lubricant additives such as the X-52 product, is the responsibility of the U.S. Army at Fort Belvoir, VA. The appropriate regulations are DLAR 3200.1 and FPR 10129.102.
2. GSA has most of its maintenance on Interagency Fleet Management System (IFMS) vehicles performed through maintenance contracts with local service stations. You have requested that GSA specify the X-52 product, by name, for use in the maintenance of IFMS vehicles. GSA cannot specify usage of the X-52 product, just as GSA cannot, and does not specify any particular brand of products to be used for maintenance on IFMS vehicles.
3. The Federal Supply Service (FSS), the GSA Service and Staff Office that is responsible for IFMS operations, recommends that your company make every effort to get the product into the commercial market, i.e., service stations, etc. This will enhance the possibility of use of your product in any maintenance performed by these facilities, Government or private sector.
4. FSS has stressed that GSA has no authority to alter or influence DOD requirements, specifications, or testing responsibilities and procedures. If under the above regulations, the responsible testing organization requires a particular test, GSA has no ability to alter their procedures, change their policy, or reduce test fees.
5. Regarding the use of X-52 products in DOD vehicles and equipment, GSA is precluded, by the above mentioned agreement with the DOD, from stock numbering an item that has not been tested and certified by the appropriate DOD organization.

This is to preclude the use of an untested product in DOD equipment by a user who could simply order the item from a supply catalog. The designated testing and approval organization has the sole authority and responsibility for determining performance and compliance requirements for their assigned area of responsibility.

6. After conversation with officials of the DGSC, it appears that the quoted figure of \$100,000 for the required DOD performance tests is accurate. It is unlikely that DOD would waive this test requirement.

I hope that the above information will reduce any confusion and assist you in identifying the responsible parties for you to approach with your product and concerns.

If you would like more information, please contact

Ms. Rebecca Rhodes
Chief of Staff
Federal Supply Service
General Services Administration

(703) 305-6667

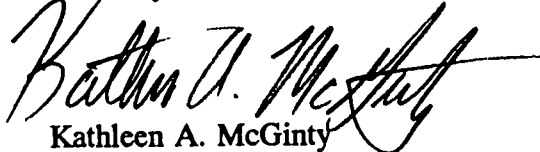
Mr. Sean Allen
Director, Fleet Management Division
Federal Supply Service
General Services Administration

(703) 305-6278

Mr. Hal Halverson
Director of Technical Operations
Defense General Supply Center

(804) 279-3841

Sincerely,



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

THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 12, 1994

David L. Belden, Ph.D., P.E.
Executive Director
The American Society of Mechanical Engineers
345 East 47th Street
New York, N.Y. 10017

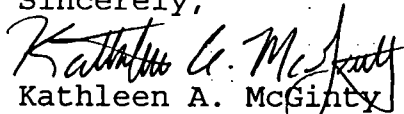
Dear Mr. Belden:

Thank you for your letter dated April 11, 1994 and the enclosed copy of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) 1994 Federal Policy Agenda.

As you know I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,



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



The American Society of
Mechanical Engineers

David L. Belden, Ph.D., P.E.
Executive Director
212-705-7730
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345 East 47th Street
New York, NY 10017

April 11, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Special Assistant to the President
for the Environment
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am pleased to provide you the enclosed copy of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' (ASME) *1994 Federal Policy Agenda*.

The *Agenda* presents the public policy topics and issues of greatest concern to ASME. Many of these topics are also high on the administration's agenda, such as government funding for research and development, support for technologies that have the potential to serve both civilian and military markets, and reauthorization of "Superfund."

Established in 1880, ASME is a nonprofit, educational and technical organization with approximately 123,000 members, including 24,000 students. The overriding goal of ASME emphasizes the engineer's responsibility to the public's interest. ASME is pleased to serve as a resource to policymakers who are addressing the growing number of national problems requiring sound technical solutions.

We look forward to working with the administration on the important policy issues outlined in the *1994 Federal Policy Agenda of ASME*. If you would like additional information or if we may be of service, please contact our Washington Center at (202) 785-3756.

Sincerely,


David L. Belden

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 17, 1994

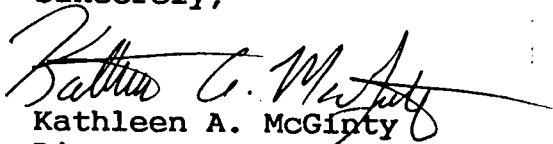
His Excellency Ambassador Charles R. Bowers
Embassy of the United States of America
LaPaz, Banco Popular Del Peru Building
P.O. Box 425, LaPaz
APO AA 34032

Dear Ambassador Bowers:

Thank you for your letter and the picture calendar of Bolivia. I apologize for the delay in responding. It was good to hear from you.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,


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



Embassy of the United States of America

Harriet

La Paz, March 8, 1994

The Honorable Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President and
Director, White House Office on Environmental Policy
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. McGinty:

I thought you would appreciate receiving a copy of this picture calendar of Bolivia. As you will see, it does a nice job of capturing the country's scenic beauty, as well as its impressive ecological diversity.

The calendar was published with assistance from the collaborative USG/GOB Sustainable Forestry Management Project, an initiative that will play a leading role in helping Bolivia's public and private sectors use the country's rich forest resources more sustainably. In fact, a key message we hope to convey with these calendars is that the protection of our planet's diminishing biological diversity is a responsibility not only of managers of national parks and protected areas, but also of forest industries. Wise and responsible forest use is basic to this protection and, in Bolivia, to sustainable economic growth.

I hope you enjoy it.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Bowers

Charles R. Bowers
Ambassador

*Please find
this in your
box*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 4, 1994

Mr. Robert O. Blake
Committee Chairman
Committee on Agricultural Sustainability
for Developing Countries
1709 New York Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Blake:

Thank you for your letter about U.S. funding for the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research. It was good to hear from you.

I appreciate your bringing this issue to my attention. Please be assured that our office will carefully review the ongoing situation.

Again, thank you for bringing this information to my attention.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

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February 1, 1994

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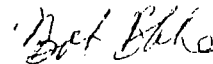
Dear Katy,

I want you to have a copy of a letter that I just sent to the Vice-President on behalf of our Committee. Given the need to act quickly, we did not have the time to ask for the signature to this letter of all our members, many of whom do not work in the Washington, D.C. area. However, all the organizations -- environmental and otherwise -- that we asked to sign our appeal to the Vice-President did so enthusiastically.

We sent a parallel appeal to Brian Atwood at AID.

We ask that you use your influence to head off a reduction in U.S. funding for the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research since, for relatively small savings, this would likely result in triggering the financial unravelling of the international agricultural research centers. The CGIAR system is one of the free world's greatest successes in the post-war period and one whose contributions are even more badly needed today by the developing countries seeking to make their agricultural systems sustainable enough to feed their rapidly growing populations.

Sincerely,



Robert O. Blake
Committee Chairman

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Enclosure

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The Honorable Albert Gore
Vice-President of the United States
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Old Executive Office Building
17th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Vice-President,

We, the undersigned, representing organizations central to the support of the Clinton Administration's environmental and international agenda, seek your help in avoiding further cuts in US support (through the Agency for International Development) for the international agricultural research centers operating under the aegis of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). As you know the international agricultural research centers, about which you have written and spoken often, were the spark plugs behind the Green Revolution of the 1960s and 1970s. It is now estimated that in some regions of the developing world, food production must increase by fifty percent in twenty some years to feed rapidly growing populations. These production increases must occur on the same amount of arable land, without depleting the natural resource base on which agriculture depends. The centers will continue to be the principal source of the more productive food plants and protective techniques of soil and water management that will be so vital to meeting these challenges in the coming decades.

We do of course recognize the budgetary problems that the United States Government faces. However, support for the international centers is not the place to cut. While the US contribution is small (\$38 million in FY93), it leverages significant international support for the centers, which in turn provide irreplaceable research results for farmers of the developing countries. Further, recent experience shows that any US cut will be followed very quickly by proportionately larger cuts by most other international financial supporters of the CGIAR system. This could quickly lead to the

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unravelling of one of the most successful experiments in international scientific and technological cooperation of the post-war period.

For all these reasons we ask that you use your influence to ensure that AID does not cut support for the international agricultural research centers at this crucial time.

Sincerely,



Robert O. Blake
Chairman, Committee on
Agriculture Sustainability for
Developing Countries

David Beckman
President
Bread for the World

Richard Bissell
Visiting Fellow
Overseas Development Council

William S. Brackett
Chief Executive Officer
World Neighbors

Christopher Dunford
President
Freedom from Hunger

Alexander Hittle
International Policy Analyst
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Executive Director
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Henry A. Wallace Institute
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Sharon Benson
5386 Rucker Drive
San Jose, CA 95124-5644

Dear Ms. Benson:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on the efforts of some other countries to resume commercial whaling.

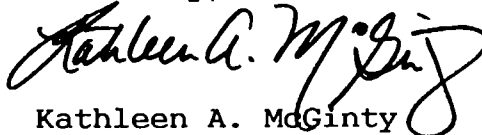
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Some people fear that our work on this scientific methodology signals that we are changing our position and are preparing to support commercial whaling. Let me reassure you that this is not true. The United States has no intention to support commercial whaling.

I share your concern for whales and the environment. With your support, we will accomplish a great deal to protect the environment here in this country and around the world.

Sincerely,



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Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President for Environmental Policy
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Kathleen McGinty:

I was disappointed to learn that the Clinton administration supports "science-based" commercial whaling. It should know by now that "science" is only added to the name to make it sound respectable. Is this an ecological experiment to see what happens when all the whales in an area disappear? Are we studying what will happen to the whalers when their livelihood is hunted out of existence? I for one do not call this good science. If this is how President Clinton keeps his environmental promises, he's lost any chance at my vote in 1997.

Sincerely,

Sharon Benson

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Ms. Amy V. Bunting
2 Frasco Road
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Dear Ms. Bunting:

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Feb. 28, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President for Environmental Policy
17th St. and Penn. Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty,

For the past 12 years I have been a volunteer teacher in our 18 elementary schools teaching students about those marvelous mammals of our oceans: the cetaceans. I am therefore deeply shocked and absolutely furious to learn that President Clinton plans to encourage overturning the 7 year moratorium on commercial whaling when the IWC meets in Mexico City in May. How could he end 20 years of United States support of protection of these incredible mammals who have survived 50 million years? Just exactly who are the cetacean biologists advising him on this issue? What are their credentials? How many years of field study do they have? Has President Clinton ever been near a whale in the open ocean? Does he know anything about the mammals he is condemning to death? I want to know the answers to these questions so that I can tell my students that the President has consulted with top cetacean experts who say it is just fine to begin slaughtering the minke and a few humpbacks etc. and on down the slippery slope to just killing all whales.

It's not enough that whales and dolphins have been and are being killed in miles and miles of drift nets and smaller fishing nets; that our U.S. Navy bombs the waters they inhabit causing deafness and death to more whales; that we pollute their habitat with plastic bottles that get stuck in their intestines, killing them slowly; that we dump toxic chemicals and radioactive wastes in their habitat endangering their immune systems if not killing them outright. But now the great United States of America is going to encourage the actual commercial slaughter of them. It is totally unconscionable.

Does the President know anything of the history of whaling? Or why the IWC came into being? The killing of these mammals was so massive that even the whalers realised that if they continued they wouldn't have anything left to kill. With the glowing exception of the grey whale, there has not been any serious recovery of any other whale species. I enclose a copy of IWC data compiled by Greenpeace which clearly shows that even the so called prolific Minke is still below

protected stock level.

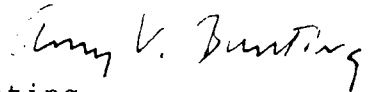
As I remind my students, this is a water planet and there are no water police out there to curb the greed and cruelty of humans against the whales. Pregnant females and females with calves are killed as easily as the rest. And let us be clear how these mammals are killed with grenades exploding in their guts which doesn't always kill them so they have to be electrocuted which can take up to 12-15 minutes to finish them off. And for what? To feed starving Somalis? No. So that the wealthy can belly up to \$200 a pound whale meat sushi bars in Japan and soon in Norway.

This is an outrage.

Please respond in a letter that I can read to my students. I want them to know exactly what their President is doing to help kill the whales. You may want to know that Santa Fe is a strong activist town. You can be sure that I will be on every talk show which will have me. Stores have already begun to boycott Norwegian products. Our Senators are being lobbied and we have only just begun. You may also be aware that New Mexico was Clinton country. More and more of us intend to keep that in the past tense unless he does some serious 'reassessment' of his decision on commercial whaling before May.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Amy V. Bunting

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Santa Fe, N.M.

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copy to: Senators Bingaman and Domenici

Congressman Richardson

Lisa Jennings-Pres. Sangre de Cristo Animal Protection

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Mr. Ronald Jason Blakely
3622 Southside Avenue
Florence, SC 29505

Dear Mr. Blakely:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on the efforts of some other countries to resume commercial whaling.

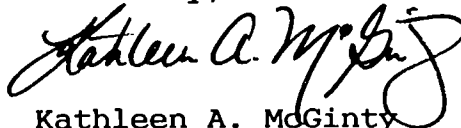
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Director, White House Office on
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3622 Southside Ave
Florence SC, 29505
February 27, 1994

Dear Ms. McGinty,

Hex, My name is Jason
Blakely, I go to Dewey F. Carter
Elementary School in Effingham
South Carolina. Our class adopted
a whale named Salt. We were
worried about her since
President Clinton and his administration
staff are now supporting the
implementation of science based
commercial whaling.

I am waiting for your justifications
on killings of innocent whales.

Ronald Jason Blakely

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Georgiana Bigley
Special Education Teacher
Wall High School
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Wall, NJ 07719

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on the efforts of some other countries to resume commercial whaling.

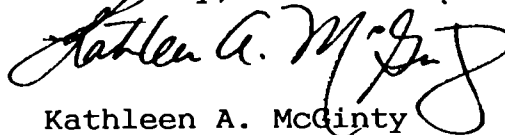
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P.O. Box 1199
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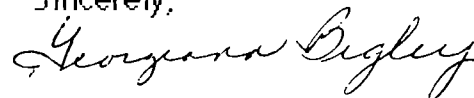
Dear Ms. McGinty:

Last year my Special Education class at Wall High School adopted a whale named Olympia as one of their class projects. They have since become very interested in learning as much as they can about these interesting creatures.

The class always looks forward to their next Whal-watch newsletter to read any information they can about whales and, in particular, the latest possible sighting of Olympia. Naturally, they were extremely upset by the recent news from Daniel Morast, The Director of the Whale Adoption Project, that the Clinton administration is planning a reversal of it's stand on the authorization of the U.S. Marine Mammal Protection Act. I am very surprised that Vice-President Gore, an avowed environmentalist, would agree to the proposed reversal of this policy.

I wish to let you know that my students and I strongly object to the resumption of commercial whaling. I would appreciate it if you would notify President Clinton of our strong objections. I know it will affect our feelings about this current administration.

Sincerely,



Georgiana Bigley
Special Education Teacher
Wall High School

Feb 28th, 94

Dear Kathleen,

I'm age 11 and in 5th grade, my name is Amber Buchanan and I'm against the killing of whales. I believe whales have a right to live. I'd like for you to write back to me. Thanks alot.

Sincerley,

Amber H. Buchanan

P.O. Box 1199
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March 1, 1994

Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President for Environmental Policy
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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Dear Ms. McGinty;

I'm the aide in Mrs. Bigley's Special Education class at Wall High School that adopted Olympia the whale. The project has created a lot of interest and we even had a bulletin board with all our adoption and sighting information.

When the newsletter came this past month about the Clinton administration planning a reversal of it's stand on the U.S. Marine Mammal Protection Act I was surprised and sadden that we would turn and go backwards. I was even more surprised that Vice President Gore would even agree to this with his environmentalist background.

I wish to let you know that I strongly object to the resumption of commercial whaling. I think President Clinton and Vice President Gore should know how we feel and if possible send a letter explaining why this could happen. This reversal doesn't make the administration look good. I'm sure our class of young voters to be is not the only one across America that has adopted a whale and is watching it

Sincerely,



Carol Bloodgood
Special Education Aide
Wall High School

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 8, 1994

Mr. Gary Goodman
6221 East Sage Drive
Scottsdale, Arizona 85253

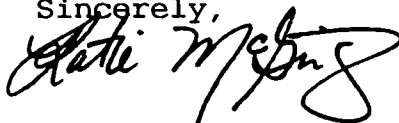
Dear Mr. Goodman:

The Vice President asked that I respond to your February 11 letter regarding the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Clinton Administration has recommended a set of substantial reforms to the Safe Drinking Water Act which have as their twin goals the increased efficiency and flexibility for municipal water systems and the improved protection of public health. I have enclosed a copy of those recommendations and would welcome any comments or suggestions you might have on them.

Please do not hesitate to call me directly or to contact Mr. William Stelle of my staff at (202)456-6551.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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GARY J. GOODMAN
6221 EAST SAGE DRIVE
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85253

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February 11, 1994

PERSONAL

Honorable Al Gore
Vice President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Al:

Bob Fawsett and I were anchoring a table for your appearance out here a couple of months ago. Dave Ogilvy couldn't make it from Tucson or we would have declared it a St. Albans table. I also invited one of your hallmates from Harvard, Scott Robertson, who is a very well thought of local cardiologist here but, being a staunch Republican, he wouldn't sign up.

Steve Owens did quite a job keeping the dinner together after you were unable to come. Congratulations on the job you did on Ross Perot. He certainly needed that. By the way, Steve and I have become friends and he is acting as my attorney for regulatory matters for Bermuda Water Company, the public water utility company I own and manage.

When Bruce Babbitt was out here before your scheduled visit, I had a chance to talk with him. When he moved back to Washington, his son Christopher became a classmate of my son's at St. Albans. While I don't know Bruce well, Hattie was my sister in law's roommate at Sweet Briar. It's a small world.

Somehow it doesn't seem possible that thirty years have passed since leaving St. Albans for bigger and better things. This spring my son, Christopher, also graduates from St. Albans. Ann and I will be living in Old Town Alexandria for a month from mid May to mid June in order to take part in all the activities surrounding his graduation. Hopefully, you and I will ~~we~~ have the opportunity to visit for a few moments sometime during that period.

Honorable Al Gore
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February 11, 1994

Al, when Ann and I worked for your campaign and contributed to it back in '88, I knew you could do a terrific job. You've certainly proven that you can over the last year. Reinventing Government is a worthwhile and noble undertaking. I hope you're able to accomplish at least some of the stated goals over the next several years.

If we have the opportunity to meet, I'd like to discuss and ask for your endorsement of HB3392, the Slattery/Bliley Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1993. This bill has about a hundred cosponsors split about equally between the parties. The bill certainly is in keeping with the goals of Reinventing Government. It's backed by the Associations of Governors, State Legislators, Counties, Cities, Mayors, Regulatory Commissioners, Water Companies, etc., etc.

Enough business. It would be great to see you again. At least I have the opportunity to keep up with you. All I have to do is to turn on my television!

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Gary J. Goodman

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Ms. Joan Burns
Executive Director
Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning
130 Tabor Road
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

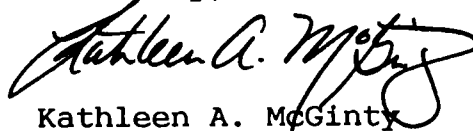
Dear Ms. Burns:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about chip mills located in the Tennessee River Valley. It was good hearing from you.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment. I understand your concerns about the potential environmental impacts of chip mills on the adjacent rivers, as well as the impacts of timber harvesting in regions surrounding the mills. I have notified the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Acting Assistant Secretary of Civil Works of your thoughts in this matter. I am sure that your concerns will be given every consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



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

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TENNESSEE CITIZENS for WILDERNESS PLANNING

For The Preservation and Enjoyment of Our Wild Lands and Waters

130 Tabor Road
Oak Ridge, Tenn. 37830
Telephone 615-482-2153

February 25, 1994

Ms. Katie McGinty
President's Office of Environmental Policy
360 Old Executive Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty;

On behalf of Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning (TCWP), I am writing to request your assistance in a critical matter facing Tennessee.

I am sure you are aware of the "chip-mill" fight; that is, the battle between companies that want to come in and rape our states' forests, and the concerned citizens of Tennessee who have a vested interest in protecting the long-term jobs provided by the hardwood industry, as well as preserving the beauty of an area unspoiled by massive clear cuts and soil erosion. Most recently, the chip mills have been using 'backdoor' methods to acquire permits to gain access to shipping on the Tennessee River, even after an extensive Environmental Impact Study concluded that the off-site impacts from chip mills would be devastating to the local environment. Since that decision, (made jointly by the TVA and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers by the way,) new permits are being considered by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and **the Corp is refusing to consider off-site impacts associated with the shipping of wood chips.**

Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning asks you to contact the Corp of Engineers and urge them to take proper action when considering permits having to do with wood chips. Please contact Lt. General Arthur Williams and John Studt, Chief, Regulatory Branch, Operations, Construction and Readiness Division, and strongly request that they review off-site as well as on-site impacts of facilities that handle and transport wood chips or whole logs; and to include such review not only for new permit applications but for modifications of existing permits. (Please note that the National Environment Protection Act, in 50 CFR 402.02, specifically requires consideration of involved areas besides the immediate one).

We need the Corp of Engineers to define "residual chips" and to document what studies have been done on this commodity. Additionally, please ask the Corp to arrange public hearings on permit applications.

In seeking greater support for protection of our forests against chip mill devastation, will you also urge the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the EPA to generate Memorandums of Understanding with the Corp that stress off-site harvesting impacts?

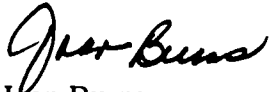
TENNESSEE CITIZENS for WILDERNESS PLANNING

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The 400 plus members of TCWP are very concerned about this issue and appreciate all the support you can provide. Please keep us posted of any further developments and actions that we should be aware of.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joan Burns".

Joan Burns
Executive Director

cc: Patrick Tobin, Director, EPA Region IV
James Pulliam, Regional Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
John Studt, Chief Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Craven Crowell, TVA Chairman

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 8, 1994

Ms. Linda Behnken
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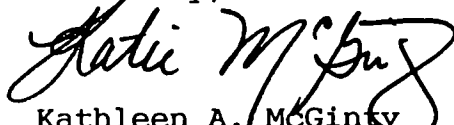
Dear Ms. Behnken:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the management of the Tongass National Forest in southeast Alaska. It was good to hear from you.

President Clinton and I are committed to the protection of our valuable natural resources in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. The U.S. Forest Service has notified the Alaska Lumber and Paper (ALP) that they are in breach of their contract. The Administration is currently reviewing ALP's proposed recommendations for future operations, and a final decision will be forthcoming before April 15.

I certainly appreciate learning your views about the Tongass National Forest and Sitka and the surrounding region's economy. Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie McGinty", written over the printed name.

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

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403 Lincoln St. Ste. 237
Sitka, AK 99835

January 25, 1994

Ms. Katherine McGinty, Special Assistant on the Environment
The White House, Washington, D.C.
FAX: (202) 456-2461/7088

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am writing in reference to future management of the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska. As you are aware, Tongass management is at a critical cross-roads; those of us who live in the Tongass are holding our breaths, waiting for a judgement from President Clinton's Administration. I would like to offer the following perspective:

During my 11 years in Sitka, I have paid close attention to Forest Service practices in Southeast and the consistency of those practices with multiple-use objectives. I have reviewed the history of the 50-year contracts with Alaska Lumber and Pulp, and observed the impact of those contracts on forest ecosystems, fishery resources, subsistence, recreation, and Sitka's economy. Finally, I have been involved during the past six months in a local task force established to diversify and stabilize Sitka's economy, and will participate in the community visioning process scheduled for next month. Drawing on this background, I have drawn the following conclusions.

1. The 50-year contracts are bankrupting the Tongass and the communities that depend on it. Established to create jobs in remote Alaskan communities, the contracts have sacrificed a national treasure for local employment--local employment that is short-term at best. As has been documented by numerous reports, harvests have vastly exceeded sustainable levels, ineluctably leading to the painful socioeconomic dislocation recently experienced in timber-dependent communities in Oregon. Compounding future economic problems are the impacts of current harvest practices on commercial and sport fisheries, recreation, and tourism; while undermining the long-term productivity of the timber industry, the 50-year contracts are damaging other local industries critical to the socioeconomic health of Southeast communities. If the 50-year contracts are terminated now, Southeast communities will have a host of economic options: value-added timber industries with local processing, productive fisheries, expanding tourism, recreation, and the critically important subsistence opportunities. If the contracts are maintained, Southeast communities will lose these options and find themselves in true economic plight five or six years from now.

2. Sitka will adapt to the mill closure with the resilience and creativity typical of Alaskans provided the 50-year contracts, which create a barrier to developing a sustainable, diversified economy, are eliminated. Residents have submitted proposals to the City Task Force and U.S. Forest Service to explore value-added forest products opportunities, enhance the value and long-term stability of local fisheries--projects that will not be supported or funded if the contracts are renewed and ALP is allowed to open a medium density fiber board plant. Sitka will take charge of its future, developing a diversified, sustainable economic base, if residents are provided with even a small opportunity. We are excited about the opportunities and confident in our abilities.

In closing, the 50-year contracts are an ecological and economic threat to Sitka's future. They are stifling, and in fact may preclude the opportunity for Sitka to develop a sustainable economy. With the contracts eliminated, the opportunities will be unlimited. Please allow us this bright future.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your commitment to protecting the health of our Nation's ecosystems.

Sincerely,
Linda Behnken
Linda Behnken

cc: Jim Wors
Chuck Chuseen

Name	Date	
<i>Peter Rindlet</i>	<i>3/16/00</i>	<i>Comment</i>

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 1994

Lester R. Brown
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Washington, DC 20036-1904

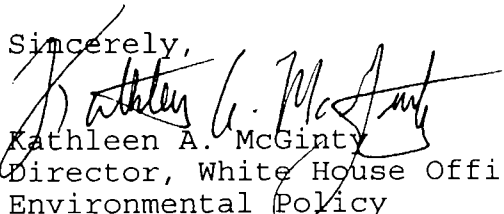
Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for sending the copies of Vital Signs 1994 to me.
It was good to hear from you.

We appreciate the work that you are doing to inform the American people about future environmental trends. Environmental awareness is an important part of the Administration's agenda, and works such as yours play an important role.

Thank you again. My staff and I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty

Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1993

Mr. Tom Bell
840 Kimberly Ct.
Lander, WY 82520

Dear Mr. Bell:

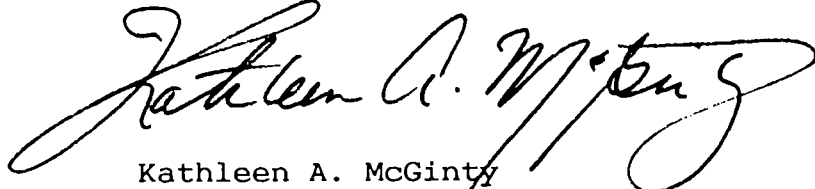
Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about the Altamont pipeline project in central Wyoming, and I apologize for the delay in my response.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of the global environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. Be assured that we will continue our efforts to protect our natural resources. You may be aware that the President announced in his Earth Day speech in April several initiatives in the environmental arena including pollution prevention and recycling, thereby reaffirming this Administration's intention to make environmental issues a top priority.

I have forwarded your information to US EPA Region VII Administrator for review, and I am sure that your concerns will be given every consideration. I certainly appreciate learning of your efforts to promote public awareness of the environmental challenges now facing your community.

Again, I appreciate hearing from you.

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
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840 Kimberly Ct.
Lander, WY 82520
February 19, 1993

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Office of Environmental Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Congratulations on your appointment to head the new Office. You have many people here in the West who are delighted with the new emphasis being placed on environmental matters.

I hate to bring to you an additional problem but I feel it has ramifications which go far beyond our local area. Those ramifications have to do with restoring honesty and integrity to government and governmental actions; the flagrant violations of laws, rules and regulations by higher officials in the executive branch, and the high-handed and illegal manner in which the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) treats other governmental agencies and the public.

The problem is a large, 30-inch, Canadian natural gas pipeline licensed for construction through the historic South Pass area of central Wyoming. The FERC license was issued in spite of the violation of several laws and regulations. And it was done in spite of the protests of other government agencies and of private citizens and their organizations.

In the interests of brevity, I will not review all the details of the Altamont controversy here. Rather, I am enclosing material relevant to the issue. It is my hope that you or someone on your staff will look at this and draw your own conclusions.

FERC seems to have an overweening desire to see that any energy project is given the green light, no matter what the cost. (A BLM fellow told me that FERC had never seen a pipeline it didn't love.) We believe that has to change. Those of us involved in environmental and historical matters here in the West do not want to be tagged as obstructionists. But we do want the laws observed and obeyed. We want a fair hearing and a level playing field. Given that we will make our case and accept the results.

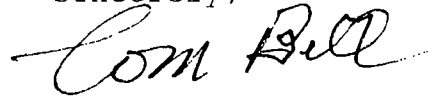
I speak not only for myself but for many others in requesting that you intercede in this case. We believe that not only was there a serious violation of laws and regulations, but also a grave mistake made in licensing the pipeline through the South Pass area.

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I think that if Elizabeth Moler, the Acting Chairman of FERC, was made aware of your concern, she could request a review of the Altamont pipeline. And similarly, if The Rev. John Harper, Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, was apprised of the Western Office's role in this, he might ask for a re-consideration of the Council endorsement.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Tom Bell

cc National Trust for Historic Preservation
Wyoming Outdoor Council
Oregon-California Trail Association
South Pass City State Historic Site

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March 31, 1993

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
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Dear Ms. McGinty:

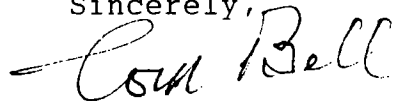
Enclosed please find more material relating to the Altamont pipeline project here in central Wyoming.

Since the Office of Environmental Policy is in the position formerly occupied by the Council on Environmental Quality, I thought you would be interested in the enclosed letter to Elizabeth Moler. The CEQ letter to FERC (also enclosed) related in a rather prophetic way how FERC went about prostituting NEPA. CEQ warned about FERC procedures but the warnings went unheeded.

It would seem to me that since the pipeline is not built, it should not be inevitable that it will be built. Surely, when a project is so badly flawed, it can be stopped until the full intent of the laws can be carried out. Anyone conversant with all the facts in the case has to be alarmed that laws can be so willfully and easily circumvented.

Please help us.

Sincerely,

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Tom Bell