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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 14, 1994

Ms. Cathy Eaton
P.O. Box 34
Mustang, OK 73064

Dear Ms. Eaton:

Thank you for your letter about the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture's enforcement of herbicide laws. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, the preservation of the environment continues to be one of my highest priorities. I appreciate learning more about pesticide use in Oklahoma. I understand your concerns in this regard, and am forwarding your information to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for their review and response. I am sure that your concerns will be given every consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGinty

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

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—2-20-94

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Y 20, 1994

Please help cause EPA to honestly investigate the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture's enforcement of Herbicide Laws and Compliance with Federal Regulations.

I can prove they conduct "Cover-ups" for use of illegal chemicals. Nova Turner, 405/391-3330 has information about damages to property and illness caused. Dallas EPA doesn't help.

The people and environment are rapidly becoming poisoned. The chemical companies have a lot of power here - their lobbyists are always at the Capitol.

Cathy Olson
405/376-3906 home
297-8936 work
under the guise of "maintenance".

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February 20, 1994

Ms. Nova Turner, Chairperson
Citizens Against Pollution
P. O. Box 1634
Choctaw, Oklahoma 73020

Dear Ms. Turner:

Thank you for the time you took yesterday to read some of the letters from members of your group. Of course, it is very sad to hear about illnesses caused by the herbicides. I do not think the problem can be lumped into one single issue, which appears on the surface to be the need for legislation.

I do not think the problem can be solved just by legislation. I understand that the chemicals applied in Oklahoma are making people ill. But, we already have "Pesticide Applicators Law -Rules and Regulations", which could be more effective, if they were interpreted as written and if they were enforced.

The reason for the problems can be broken down into four separate segments:

1. The easement and right of way issue: This is what I believe is in need of legislation. Because "maintenance" is not defined in the statutes, electric cooperatives and others have been spraying herbicides on easement and right of way areas. The statutes do not state that spraying herbicides is included in maintenance.

Property owners know that easements only convey certain rights of use of the property. Certainly, property owners have no desire to interfere with the rights of use specifically granted in an easement. However, more rights are being taken than have been granted when trees not in electric lines are chopped down, and/or the land is sprayed with herbicides by easement grantees under the guise of "maintenance".

The damage caused by this spraying is far reaching. My ownership rights were violated. I paid for the land and continue to pay property taxes on land which I can not use and enjoy. In over a year, my grass still hasn't grown back after being sprayed. The land has eroded and will continue to erode. Since a high concentration of the growth hormone herbicides remain in my soil and trees, almost all of the trees in my yard have died. There is considerable research to provide evidence the herbicides are causing our illnesses. In fact, the material safety sheet states the herbicides are a health hazard.

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The Department of Agriculture says that no matter how severe the violation, they only issue warnings to violators, until there is a history of violations and the applicators can not be "rehabilitated". As we know, massive damage is being done to human beings, to say nothing of our environment, while these applicators, who are supposed to be trained, educated and licensed, are being reformed. This is totally insensible.

The Department of Agriculture wrote a letter to me stating that portions of the Regulations only apply to termite applications, although that is not what the Regulations state. Those regulations provide for the licensed applicator to correct damage done within twenty (20) days, and the requirement for the property owner to sign a contract to acknowledge the specific hazards of a misapplication, prior to application of a chemical.

I do not know for certain to whom one would look for straightening this out....perhaps the EPA. A legislator or another state agency could ask the Attorney General for interpretation of the laws.

3. The Department of Agriculture is not enforcing the requirement to follow label directions: These toxic chemicals are being broadcast sprayed while the label says not to, are commonly and massively being applied in ditches in easements and right of ways, while the label says to not apply where water may stand or move due to danger of entering the water, being applied near desirable plants and killing them, while the label says not to, and on and on. It is my understanding the Department of Agriculture usually finds no violation when these misapplications occur.

Again, I suppose the EPA may be able to straighten this out. There may be other avenues to correct this problem.

4. Chemicals are being registered and used in Oklahoma which are on call in or listed as "restricted use" with the EPA, because they have not been adequately tested or evidence has been presented that they are hazardous to human health: This is a most difficult issue. I would believe that some sort of public policy would prohibit this.

Representative Pope said he will file a House Resolution to put a moratorium on registering and using these chemicals on EPA call in and restricted use lists. Maybe this will be a solution.

I realize the helplessness of the situation when you are repeatedly exposed to the chemicals to the point of becoming chemically sensitive and are forced to endure endless suffering, as some of your group stated in their letters. This is grossly wrong.

If we can create public awareness of this problem, no doubt the Citizens of Oklahoma and others will help resolve these problems. I believe Oklahomans are good people, with a strong sense of right and wrong.

Please send me a copy of the letter from the lady from Weatherford who moved to New Mexico to flee from the spraying. I also hope she will be able to move back home to Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

Cathy Eaton

Cathy Eaton

P. O. Box 34

Mustang, Oklahoma 73064

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1994

Mr. William M. Eichbaum
Vice President
International Environmental Quality
World Wildlife Fund
1250 24th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037-1175

Dear Mr. Eichbaum:

Thank you for your letter and the information you enclosed regarding "Conserving Russia's Biological Diversity." It was good to hear from you.

I have forwarded the report to Jane Bradley of my staff for her review.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

KAM/jdm



February 7, 1994

Ms. Katie McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy
The White House
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am happy to provide you with a final copy of the World Wildlife Fund report entitled "Conserving Russia's Biological Diversity." I also enclose several copies of a short summary document which you may find useful with colleagues.

We appreciate the interest which you have shown in supporting this work. We are especially interested in working to develop a funding package for the Russians by the Spring, so that actual work can rapidly begin on the many important projects described in the report. WWF also looks forward to helping to provide a portion of the urgently needed financial resources.

I look forward to talking with you further about this important work.

Sincerely yours,

William M. Eichbaum
Vice President
International Environmental Quality

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1994

Mr. Jim Eaton, Executive Director
California Wilderness Coalition
2655 Portage Bay East, Suite 5
Davis, CA 95616

Dear Mr. Eaton:

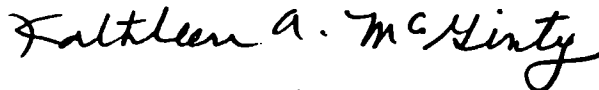
Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about President Clinton's Forest Management Plan. It was good to hear from you.

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 the final Record of Decision around March 31st. 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
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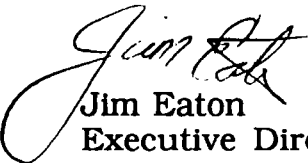
March 11, 1994

Katie McGinty, Director of the Office of
Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

The attached letter expresses our deep concern over the failure of the FSEIS for Alternative 9 to adequately provide for habitat connectivity across the landscape and to protect roadless areas in California within the range of the northern spotted owl. Any help you can give us in addressing these concerns is appreciated.

Sincerely,


Jim Eaton
Executive Director



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Yolo Environmental Resource Center

March 11, 1994

Robert T. Jacobs
Interagency SEIS Team Leader
P.O. Box 3623
Portland, OR 97208

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

The California Wilderness Coalition welcomes the revisions you have made in the Alternative 9 FSEIS with the exception of the abandonment of the 180-year rotation period for California forests. We request that the following additional changes be made before the plan's final approval later this month:

--All National Forest wilderness areas in California within the range of the northern spotted owl are contiguous to late-successional reserves with the exception of those of the Mendocino National Forest. We request that the reserve boundaries within the Mendocino be adjusted so that they will border the Snow Mountain and Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel wilderness areas, or at least that additional late-successional reserves adjacent to these wilderness areas be established in order to protect old-growth where it is currently unprotected (such as along the Middle Fork Eel River outside of the Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness boundary). This will help to ensure that connectivity is maintained between reserves and wilderness areas within the Mendocino National Forest, as is the case with every other wilderness area within northwestern California.

--The FSEIS fails to recognize the ecological and social value of roadless areas within the range of the northern spotted owl. The protection afforded roadless areas by Alternative 9

outside of key watersheds are inadequate at best, and the ecological consequences of developing these lands is not adequately considered in the FSEIS. These wildlands are crucial components of ecological recovery within the northwest California region, and to leave them open to exploitation is a tragic mistake. These storehouses of biological diversity, both RARE II roadless areas, as well as any roadless area over 2,000 acres in size, should be protected as inviolate reserves. This will help to both preserve connectivity across the landscape and to maintain the health of unroaded watersheds.

--As the FSEIS admits, the mitigation measures for logging within the matrix lands may not provide sufficient connectivity between reserved areas. We request that further measures be taken within the matrix to enhance connectivity, such as the retention of all old-growth forest, the removal of key watersheds from the suitable timber base, full protection for RARE II roadless areas as well as all other roadless areas over 2,000 acres in size, and road closures and roadbed rehabilitation programs designed to reduce road densities within the matrix.

Please give these proposed changes to the FSEIS careful consideration. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on your work.

Sincerely,

Jim Eaton
Executive Director

CC: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Vic Fazio
Representative Dan Hamburg
Jim Lyons
George Frampton
Katie McGinty

THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 16, 1994

Mr. John Etheredge
Director of Engineering
Olin Chemicals Corporation
P.O. Box 248
1186 Lower River Road
Charleston, TN 37310

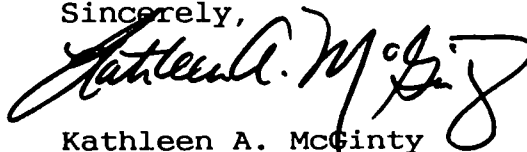
Dear Mr. Etheredge:

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.

Sincerely,

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

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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 black ink that reads "John Etheredge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Etheredge" clearly distinguishable.

John Etheredge
Director of Engineering

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 16, 1994

Mr. Stan Edmond
CEO
Ellay, Inc.
6900 Elm Street
City of Commerce, CA 90040

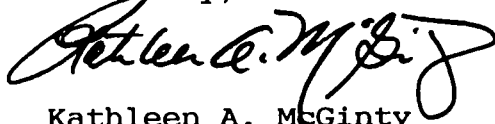
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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February 17, 1994

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, This is a copy of the letter sent to President, William J. Clinton.

I am the president of a mid size manufacturing company that employs about 90 people and has revenues of about 13 million dollars a year. My business has grown nicely over the past 5 years and my employees have had steady employment with good wages and full medical benefits. I am proud of the relationship this company enjoys with our employees, customers and vendors.

The above preamble is to let you know that not everything is bad. However, I have recently read the articles in the February 2nd edition of USA TODAY and I am very disturbed about the illogical and non-scientific approach that the EPA is taking including Polyvinylchloride plastics with other chlorine based products.

The PVC industry is one of the most regulated and also one of the safest industries in North America. We have not only met all regulatory requirements but we have far exceeded them.

Good science and common sense tell us that banning an element like chlorine that is basic to our natural environment is nonsense. Do we stop salting our foods or maybe do away with the oceans which are the main source of chlorine. It seems to me that the Clinton Administration is responding to pressures from parties who are more interested in political gain than what is good for our country.

I strongly encourage you to have the interested parties in your administration consult with parties in industry and science who will help bring logic and reality back to this essential debate.

My business and the well being of my employees and customers in large part depend on the outcome of this debate. I only hope that you will direct its outcome based on rational and logical information.

We service the health care industry with raw materials for disposable medical devices. PVC has been the most reliable, versatile and cost effective material for these devices for over thirty (30) years. Our record of safety shows that the public is far better off because our industry was there with plastics to service there needs.

Sincerely,
Ellay Inc.

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Stan Edmond
CEO

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Mr. Keith Eisberg
P.O. Box 5750
Ketchum, ID 83340

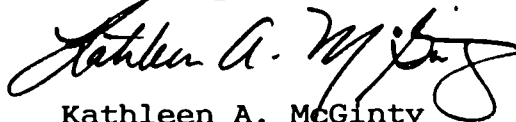
Dear Mr. Eisberg:

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,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
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January 15, 1994



President Bill Clinton
c/o Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director of Office on Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building --Room 358
Washington, DC 20501

Ms. McGinty,

I testified at the Twin Falls, Idaho public hearing on the proposed expansion of the Composite Wing at the Mountain Air Base. Enclosed is my written testimony which I requested be included with my oral testimony provided to the Air Force on January 14, 1994.

Please consider this as a national issue on the destruction of our environment. Note my comments about the unethical practices of the Governor of Idaho as well as concealment by the Air Force. It's time we stop the Air Force from taking all the beautiful wilderness areas of the US and then blatantly destroying wildlife habitat in the name of National Defense. When will they wake up to the fact the Cold War is over. To date the Air Force has spent well over five million dollars (and more that are not documented) on attempts to force an unwanted Bombing Range on the people of Idaho.

I am and have been a registered Democrat in Idaho and continue to support the party.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Keith Eisberg

Encl. Eisberg Testimony

THE WHITE HOUSE

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March 11, 1994

Samantha and Tatiana Enochs
64336 Sea Cove Avenue West
St. Augustine, FL 32086

Dear Samantha and Tatiana:

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

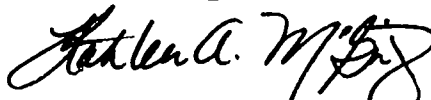
Let me reassure you that the United States is deeply opposed to commercial whaling. The U.S. does not engage in commercial whaling, and we allow no imports of whale products. The United States also firmly supports creation of a whale sanctuary in the oceans surrounding Antarctica.

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Director, White House Office on
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KAM/avl

To Ms. McGinty

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Sincerely

SAMANTHA
age 6

E/VOEHS

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am a member of the whale Adoption Project. I see in the latest newsletter that the government is supporting the resumption of whaling.

This is wrong. We have no right to kill these wonderful creatures for any reason—scientific, political or otherwise. Leave the whales alone in their own home.

My parents, who voted for President Clinton say that if the government doesn't change it's policy on this they won't make that mistake again.

Sincerely,

Tatiana Enoch

age 8

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Lynne B. Eichenfield
3203 East Paintedhills Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89120

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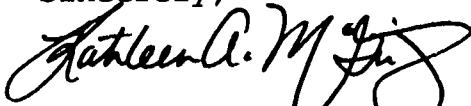
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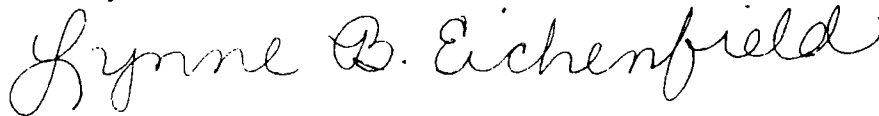
I am writing to you to strongly protest the Clinton Administration's position for the resumption of commercial whaling. I find it hard to believe that after all these years of moving *forward* to protect whales our government is considering taking a step *backward*.

If the fact that these are the gentle, intelligent largest mammals on earth does not move you to protect them, may I remind you that commercial whaling almost *wiped out* some species of whales last century?

I am currently sponsoring one of these beautiful creatures. I am extremely proud of my participation in the protection of these other-than-humans. It deeply saddens me to think that the administration of the country which I love dearly is toying with the future of these wonderful beings.

I want Mr. Clinton and his administration to know exactly how I feel:
Take a stand against Norway's recent resumption of whaling! The Olympics are over! It's time to show ourselves as defenders of the environment instead of agents of its destruction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynne B. Eichenfield".

Lynne B. Eichenfield
3203 East Paintedhills Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89120

cc: Whale Adoption Project

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Betty Eickler
276 Libertyville Road
New Paltz, N.Y. 12561-3715

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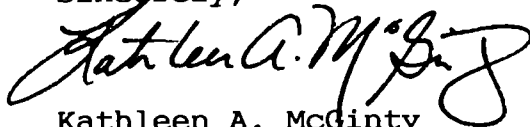
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Director, White House Office on
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276 Libertyville Road
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17th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue
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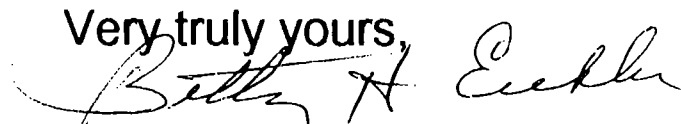
Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am sure that you are just as interested as I am in the condition of our environment or you would not have taken on the huge responsibility of being the President's personal advisor on this most important issue.

Please use your influence to reverse President Clinton's stand that the administration supports the implementation of science-based commercial whaling.

These magnificent mammals cannot defend themselves. It won't take long to deplete their numbers. Please support me in this issue.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Betty H. Eickler".

Betty H. Eickler, Postmaster Retired

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Margaret H. Emery
45 Country Lane
Bristol, CT 06010

Dear Ms. Emery:

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

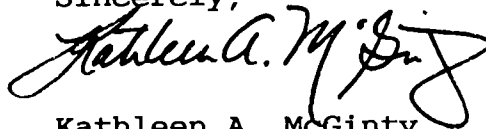
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45 Country Lane
Bristol, CT 06010
February 23, 1994

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

Dear Ms. McGinty:

This is written regarding President Clinton's policy on the U.S. Marine Mammal Protection Act. Much to my shock, I was just informed that the Clinton Administration supports the implementation of science-based commercial whaling.

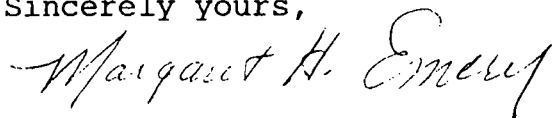
The only Christmas gift our daughter wanted this past year was to adopt a whale as part of the Whale Adoption Project sponsored by the International Wildlife Coalition. It was through literature circulated by this organization that we learned of this issue.

My husband and I have been supporters of President Clinton from the very beginning of his presidential campaign. We have defended his policies to this day, feeling that the lack of success of some of his programs has been the fault of congress and not attributable to any lack of commitment or sincerity on his part.

If the president continues his pro-whaling position, we will work actively against his re-election and will cease to be supportive in any way. We feel very strongly about this and feel that the United States is taking a giant step backwards in this area. It makes me ashamed of our government.

Please express our strong feelings to the President.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret H. Emery". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Margaret H. Emery

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Adrienne Elizabeth Eaton
470 Green Street
Northborough, MA 01532-1018

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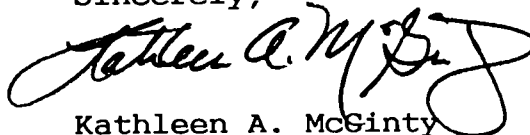
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February 22, 1994

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

Dear Ms. McGinty,

My name is Adrienne Eaton, and I am 11 years old. I have heard that our country will be supporting commercial whaling soon. I would like to please ask why we will be supporting commercial whaling. Please correct me if I am wrong, but commercial whaling, as I understand is hunters going out and killing whales for money.

If people needed food and whales were their only source of food, I can understand why they would kill whales. But for money, I can not understand. People kill whales or any animal for money or fur or any other thing they can get out of an animal. I don't think that people should be killing animals, especially whales for fun.

America had repealed commercial whaling for awhile, so why do we have to start again? I think that many people are also asking the same question. I not only have adopted a whale for myself, but one for my cousin, also, from the Whale Adoption Project, so you can probably expect how I feel.

When commercial whaling was allowed, every time I heard of a whale being killed in my whale adoption newsletter, I became very sad because the thought of people killing such innocent mammals.

I hope myself and others will encourage you and President Clinton to reconsider commercial whaling in the United States.

If you have time, please write back.

Sincerely,

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

Adrienne Elizabeth Eaton

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Mr. David Edwards
Plant Manager
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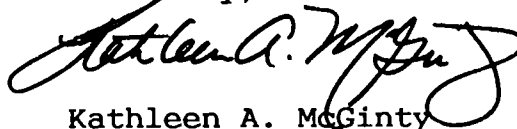
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Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

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February 18, 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 Plant Manager 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.

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.

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 U.S. and marketed globally) that are the basis of modern life.

Approximately 1.3 million U.S. jobs depend on the chlorine industry. Wages and salaries total more than \$30 billion a year. Further, almost 40% of all U.S. 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.

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Respectfully yours,



David B. Edwards
Plant Manager

/gjb

cc: Mr. Charles A. Kitchen
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 10, 1994

Mr. Stan Edmond
CEO
Ellay, Inc.
6900 Elm Street
City of Commerce, CA 90040

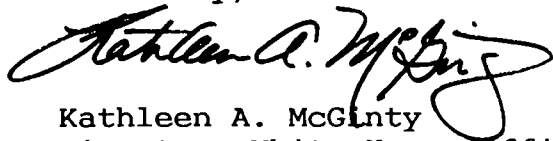
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February 17, 1994

Office of Environmental Policy
Deputy Asst. to the Pres. and Dir.
Kathleen McGinty
Old Executive Office Building
room 3560
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty, This is a copy of the letter sent to President, William J. Clinton.

I am the president of a mid size manufacturing company that employs about 90 people and has revenues of about 13 million dollars a year. My business has grown nicely over the past 5 years and my employees have had steady employment with good wages and full medical benefits. I am proud of the relationship this company enjoys with our employees, customers and vendors.

The above preamble is to let you know that not everything is bad. However, I have recently read the articles in the February 2nd edition of USA TODAY and I am very disturbed about the illogical and non-scientific approach that the EPA is taking including Polyvinylchloride plastics with other chlorine based products.

The PVC industry is one of the most regulated and also one of the safest industries in North America. We have not only met all regulatory requirements but we have far exceeded them.

Good science and common sense tell us that banning an element like chlorine that is basic to our natural environment is nonsense. Do we stop salting our foods or maybe do away with the oceans which are the main source of chlorine. It seems to me that the Clinton Administration is responding to pressures from parties who are more interested in political gain than what is good for our country.

I strongly encourage you to have the interested parties in your administration consult with parties in industry and science who will help bring logic and reality back to this essential debate.

My business and the well being of my employees and customers in large part depend on the outcome of this debate. I only hope that you will direct its outcome based on rational and logical information.

We service the health care industry with raw materials for disposable medical devices. PVC has been the most reliable, versatile and cost effective material for these devices for over thirty (30) years. Our record of safety shows that the public is far better off because our industry was there with plastics to service there needs.

Sincerely,
Ellay Inc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stan Edmond".

Stan Edmond
CEO

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Sara Ellis
Dalhousie University
Biology Department
Halifax, NS B3H 4J1
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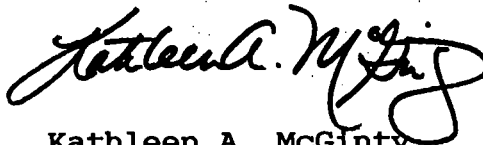
Dear Ms. Ellis:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about the potentially harmful effects of high noise levels on fish and cetaceans. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, Vice President Gore and I are committed to the protection of the diverse plant and animal life found on our planet. I certainly appreciate learning of your concerns about the effects of the operation of loudspeakers off the coast of Hawaii and California on animal life in the vicinity. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for review and response to the specific issues you raise.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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Sara Ellis
Dalhousie University
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Halifax, NS B3H 4J1

Katy McGinty
Director of White House Office of Environmental Policy
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Washington D.C. 20501

February 23, 1994

Dear Ms. McGinty,

I am writing to protest the "Acoustic Thermography of Global Ocean Climate" or ATOC. Its purpose is to supposedly examine global temperature trends in the ocean as a way to monitor global warming. The multi-million dollar project is being funded by the U.S. military.

The plan is to send out incredibly loud noises at depths of 700-800 m, and monitor changes in sound speed over time. The intensity of the sounds will be 195 dB, which is 10,000,000 times the threshold pain for humans in air (120dB).

I am very concerned about the effects of such intense noise on deep diving marine mammals who use sound to communicate and/or to echolocate for food. I am particularly concerned about sperm whales, but also consider beaked whales and elephant seals to be at risk.

Even grey whales, which are thought to be fairly insensitive to sounds, as far as whales go, show avoidance to sounds as low as 120 dB. The projected sounds will be loud enough to travel halfway around the world, using the deep sound channel.

The project plans to blast these sounds cyclically—ON, 20 min, OFF, 4 hrs. The present plan is just for the next few years, but the ultimate goal is to continue for decades in all oceans. The first 2 sites are in the Pacific, off Hawaii and off Pt. Sur California. I was amazed by the location of the Pt. Sur site, since the California coast was just declared a marine sanctuary. It was so declared because of its rich marine life, particularly mammals!

I believe these extremely loud, repetitive sounds could be very dangerous to marine mammals. The sounds could cause either immediate deafness, or gradual deafening. They might interfere with communication and/or echolocation. Such non-stop, cyclical sound blasts could lead to psychological stress.

ATOC is sponsoring some marine mammal studies, but they won't start until the sound blasts begin, so there will be no baseline data. Also if

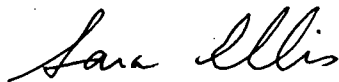
whales are gradually deafened by the sound source, they will show less and less disturbance to ensuing sound, leading to the erroneous conclusion of "no adverse effects."

There are no studies planned on sperm whales. The studies off Hawaii will be on humpbacks. These whales are not deep divers, and being baleen whales, they do not depend as heavily on sound as do sperm whales and other toothed whales. Have the studies been chosen for their ease and good public image rather than necessary science?

There seems to be little or no advance publicity about this project. Yet, there are important questions to be asked before it should be allowed to go ahead. Why study temperature change at such depth? Will there really be a delay time in knowledge of a decade? If so, what use is such out-of-date information? Are there in fact ulterior motives that are being kept hidden from the public (i.e., defense-related, Low-Frequency Active Sonar). Are there better, less invasive ways of studying temperature change?

My main goal, if not to stop this project, is at least to get them to lower the sound levels to 120 dB—to err on the side of caution rather than just going blindly ahead.

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