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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 14, 1994

Mr. Robert Lippert
123 S. Ross Street
Auburn, AL 36830

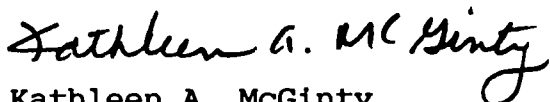
Dear Mr. Lippert:

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

KAM/avl

123 S. Ross St.
Auburn, AL 36830
April 2, 1994

Deputy Assistant McGinty:

I am writing you concerning the pulp industry in my state, Alabama, and the rest of the Southeast. The pulp industry is trying to gain access to our rivers so they will have a tax-payer subsidized means of transporting its products. As a taxpayer I am completely against this but the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is allowing this to happen by refusing to review off-site harvesting activities of chip mills and refusing public hearings. We cannot allow our government agencies to permit the destruction of our forests for the benefit of a few greedy corporations. You are in a position to help change the current policies.

I strongly urge you to do the following:

- 1) Urge the USACE to review both site and off-site impacts of chip mills and facilities which handle and transport chips, "residual chips", and whole logs
- 2) Change current policy so that modifications of existing permits for the transport of chips, "residual chips", or whole logs also warrants harvest impact reviews
- 3) Ask for a meaning of "residual chips" and an availability study for them
- 4) Allow the public to become involved in the permit process through public hearings
- 5) Urge the U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the EPA to proceed with their actions to elevate their opposition to USACE's policy of ignoring harvest impact reviews

This is a very important issue. The forests in the Southeast are in terrible trouble of being converted to pine tree farms so the chips can be sent to Pacific rim countries. Long-term jobs are not created by the pulp industry and many are exported to Asia and our forests are being destroyed. Please take those steps to change the current destructive policy.

Sincerely,
Robert Lippert
Robert Lippert

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 22, 1994

Glenn G. Lammi
Chief Counsel, Legal Studies Division
Washington Legal Foundation
2009 Massachusetts Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20036

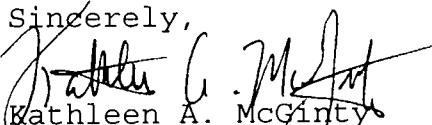
Dear Mr. Lammi:

Thank you for your latest issue of Legal Backgrounders. I appreciate your concern over the credibility of the Endangered Species Act.

New and insightful approaches to solving the environmental problems we now face are always welcome. The ESA and its listing process are important issues, and the Administration is doing its best to ensure the safety and sustainability of our animal populations.

Again, thank you for the publication and for your interest.

Sincerely,


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

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 18, 1994

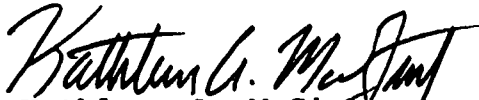
Michael Lapp
2659 Hawthorne Avenue
Union, New Jersey
07083

Dear Mr. Lapp:

Thank you for your letter dated April 20, 1994. I appreciate you sharing your concerns about protecting whales.

As you know, the preservation of the global environment continues to be one of President Clinton's and my highest priorities. This Administration does not support commercial whaling and in fact is doing everything in its power to protect the whales.

Sincerely,



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

2659 Hawthorne Ave.
Union, N.J. 07083
April 20, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty,
Deputy Asst. to the President
of Environmental Policy
17th. St. + Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. McGinty;

I am writing to you on behalf of the endangered whales in the United States waters. It would be to our environment's benefit if your agency would pass a law that would outlaw the killing of whales in our waters. The whales help keep our water environment in a stable and consistent state. They are being killed by fishermen to make a big profit when they could easily kill a species that is plentiful and still make a nice profit.

The whales do not harm anyone;

on the contrary, it is the whales who get harmed. Please sit down and talk to your superior and urge the passing of a whale protection bill to be brought in front of the U. S. Congress so that the whales could live in peace.

Please write back to me with your thoughts to my letter as well as any plans that your office is arranging for the protection of the whales. I look forward to hearing from you. I would like to thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,
Michael Lapp

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1994

Mr. L. Charles Landgraf
LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae
1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20009-5728

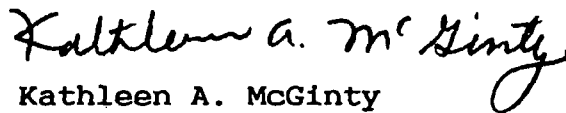
Dear Mr. Landgraf:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your efforts to improve Superfund legislation. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, the Administration recently released its recommendations on how to improve the fairness and efficiency of the Superfund program. We believe that this proposal represents a significant first step in this regard. Rest assured that we will keep your views in mind during the reauthorization process.

It was a pleasure meeting with you recently. I hope we will be able to work together to ensure the passage of an effective Superfund reauthorization package to this Congress.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, Office on
Environmental Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1994

Mr. David J. Leishman
President
ALTA
88-B Industry Avenue
Springfield, MA 01104

Dear Mr. Leishman:

Thank you for your letter about your interest in becoming part of the "Greening of the White House" Project. It was good to hear from you.

In his Earth Day Address President Clinton announced his intention to perform an environmental audit and upgrade of the entire White House Complex. It was that initial commitment which has ensured the success of such a bold and exciting initiative.

The Greening of the White House serves as a symbol of the leadership of this Administration in implementing environmentally sound technologies. As I share your enthusiasm for development of new and innovative approaches in addressing such goals as energy efficiency and sustainable building design, I have forwarded your letter to the GWH project team leader, Mark Ginsberg, at the Department of Energy.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,

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

KAM/jdm



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Springfield, MA 01104

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FAX: 413-734-3475

January, 17, 1994

Ms. Katie McGinty
Director of Environmental Policy
White House Office of Environmental Policy
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Katie:

In a recent conversation with Loretta Ucelli, of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), she mentioned that you would be the person to contact concerning energy efficient lighting for the White House. As a Special Projects Representative for Lights of America (LOA), I would like to assist you with your efforts in "The Greening of the White House."

For background purposes, LOA is a "Minority Owned" American manufacturer of energy efficient lighting products. In fact, LOA is the only lighting manufacturer that was invited by the United States Chamber of Commerce to attend their conference for the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in Dubai last year.

All products are assembled in our California facility and over seventy percent of all our components are made in our facility. If it weren't for the regulatory restrictions regarding glass tubes, we would be able to substantially increase our percentage of in house component manufacturing. The White House's selection for these products must take into consideration the "promotability of the vendor" and we submit that no other manufacturer can boast these qualifications when supplying the White House with its energy efficient lighting products.

As I am sure you are aware, that over its lifetime a single 13 Watt compact fluorescent lamp replacing a 65 Watt incandescent bulb will displace 55 pounds of coal or one drum of oil from being burned and up to 1400 pounds of carbon dioxide from being released into the air. LOA goes even further, our products are high power quality with "High Power Factor" (HPF) and "Low Harmonic Distortion" (THD) which act to cause the least amount of disruption to the distribution system.

LOA manufactures a wide variety of fixtures, from table lamps to wall sconces and if the fixture you looking for is not being manufactured we will modify a design or even design a new product to your specifications. Because we operate our own research and development department LOA can provide the White House with the products that will result in the greatest potential for a successful and "trouble free" effort.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to further discuss how we can assist you. You may find it beneficial to visit our facility to "see first hand" and assure yourself of the quality of our operations and products.

If you or anyone reviewing this information require additional information please feel free to call me or Farooq Vakil, Executive Vice-President of LOA. I can be reached at the enclosed telephone number and Farooq can be reached at 800-321-8100.

Sincerely,

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David J. Leishman
President

cc: Loretta Ucelli

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 6, 1994

Ms. Jean LemMon
Editor in Chief
Better Homes and Gardens
1716 Locust Street
Des Moines, IA 50309-3023

Dear Ms. LemMon:

This is to notify you that I have received a copy of your letter and article to the Vice President dated March 22. It was good to hear from you.

Protecting the environment continues to be one of this Administration's highest priorities. I found your information regarding your reader's beliefs about the health of the environment to be both informative and interesting.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with the Vice President and this Administration.

Sincerely,

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

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We sincerely apologize that
the magazine was not included
with our original March 18
letter.

1716 Locust Street • Des Moines, IA 50309-3023 • 515-284-3009

March 22, 1994

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Vice President Al Gore
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20501

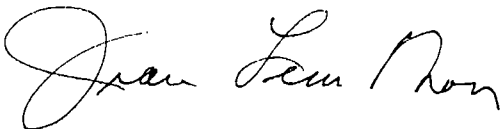
Dear Mr. Vice President:

Because of your interest in the environment, we promised our readers that we would send you the results of a reader questionnaire concerning the health of our planet. We summarized their opinions on page 20 in our March, 1994 issue.

The article capsulizes what more than 10,000 families told us concerned them the most about the environment, what they were doing individually to make our earth healthier, and what groups they thought were doing the best job to better our world.

I hope that you'll find their opinions worthwhile. If your staff would like the complete report, please let me know.

Cordially,



Jean LemMon
Editor in Chief

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Jim Lyons

Asst. Secretary for Natural
Resources & Environment

USDA

14th & Independence SW

Wash. DC. — 20250

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 6, 1994

The Honorable Mike Harcourt
Premier
Province of British Columbia
Parliament Buildings
British Columbia V8V 4R3
Canada

Dear Premier:

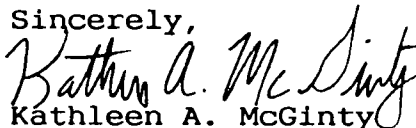
Thank you for your recent letter as follow-up to our discussions regarding the establishment of ongoing contact between those government officials working on management issues for the Pacific Northwest and British Columbian forests. It was good to hear from you.

I certainly appreciate your efforts to establish clear lines of communication between our two governments on forest management issues. I agree that designating points of contacts will prove beneficial for strengthening these lines of communication.

I would like to designate Mr. Jim Lyons, Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture, with whom you have already had contact, as our lead official. I have asked Mr. Lyons to contact Mr. Gerry Armstrong directly to discuss these matters further.

I look forward to our continuing work together on this very important issue. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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

cc: Jim Lyons



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Province of British Columbia
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

January 21, 1994

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

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Dear Katie:

I hope that the New Year finds you in good spirits and good health. I wanted to take this opportunity to pursue one of the subjects we discussed last year in Washington, D.C.

You will recall that we agreed on the importance of exchanging information and experience from our respective efforts to deal with the similar challenges of sustainability confronting the forest-based economies of British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest. More specifically, we considered the usefulness of establishing ongoing contact between the officials charged with implementing the President's Forest Plan for the Northwest and their B.C. counterparts.

I understand from conversations between your staff and officials at the Canadian Embassy that the appropriate contact on the U.S. side to initiate these exchanges would be Tom Tuchman, the Forest Plan Coordinator based in Portland, Oregon. For our part, I would like to designate Mr. Gerry Armstrong, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests, as the lead official. Mr. Armstrong can be reached at 604-387-1285 (facsimile - 604-387-6267). I would suggest that the initial discussions between Messrs Tuchman and Armstrong and their staffs first cover the main elements of the approaches being taken on both sides of the border and then move on to such specific, technical talks as may seem productive.

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If this arrangement is satisfactory, you may wish to arrange for Mr. Tuchman or his staff to contact Mr. Armstrong's office directly. Mr. Armstrong will ensure that Peter Heap of my Office is kept fully informed as the consultation process develops. Once discussions have begun, I think it would be useful if officials provided regular reports on their progress.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Mike Harcourt
Premier

cc: Ambassador Designate Raymond Chrétien



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Province of British Columbia
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

January 21, 1994

Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant
to the President and
Director of the Office
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Mike Harcourt
Premier

cc: Ambassador Designate Raymond Chrétien

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 12, 1994

Ms. Carlotta LaNier
Blue Ribbon Recycling
3773 Cherry Creek North Drive #500
Denver, CO 80209

Dear Ms. LaNier:

This is to notify you that I am in receipt of your letter to Thurgood Marshall, Jr. regarding your efforts at Blue Ribbon Recycling to recycle fabric ribbons from typewriters, cash registers, and the like. It was good to hear from you.

As you may know, President Clinton announced on Earth Day 1993 that he intended to perform an environmental and energy audit of the White House complex. This audit is recently completed, and we are currently reviewing how best to proceed in this regard. I have taken the liberty of sharing a copy of your information with the group working on this important initiative.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with Mr. Marshall and myself.

Sincerely,



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

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1994

Philip J. Landrigan, M.D.
The Mount Sinai Hospital
Mount Sinai School of Medicine
One Gustave L. Levy Place
New York, N.Y 10029-6574

Dear Mr. Landrigan:

Thank you for your letter dated May 2, 1994 and a copy of your Annual Report to the National Institute of Environmental Health Science. The information is both interesting and informative.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment. Many environmental problems pose a significant risk to people everywhere and therefore, receive our continuing attention. We appreciate your efforts in promoting environmental health.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,

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



The Mount Sinai Medical Center

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Philip J. Landrigan, M.D., M.Sc.

Ethel H. Wise Professor of
Community Medicine
Chairman, Department of
Community Medicine

Box 1057

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Fax (212) 996-0407

May 2, 1994

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

Dear Katie:

Just a quick note to say how much I enjoyed having had the opportunity to meet you when I was in Washington last week with the delegation from Physicians for Social Responsibility. Our work in environmental health is going well here at Mount Sinai, and we are involved in a range of studies including:

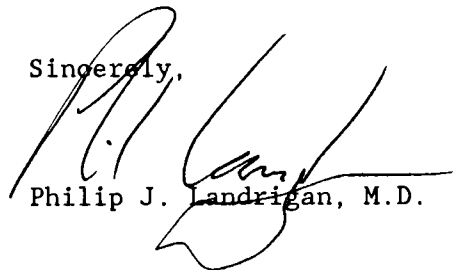
- ° DDT and breast cancer
- Cost-effective approaches to lead paint abatement
- ° Radon and lung cancer
- ° Prevention of asbestos-related cancer using beta carotene and vitamin A dietary supplements
- ° The health hazards of child labor

All of our work in these areas is summarized in our enclosed Annual Report to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

If there is any way that I and my colleagues can be of further assistance to you and to Vice President Gore in your continuing efforts to protect our nation's environment, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

All best regards.

Sincerely,



Philip J. Landrigan, M.D.

PJL:jlr

Encl.

cc: Eric Chivian, M.D.



World Health Organization
Collaborating Centre in
Environmental Epidemiology



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1994

Mr. Richard LaRue
220 Fawn Hollow Lane
Argyle, TX 76226

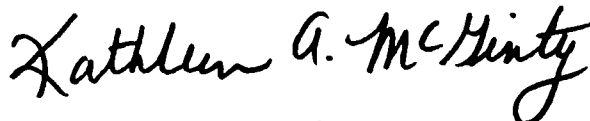
Dear Mr. LaRue:

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,

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

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April 11, 1994

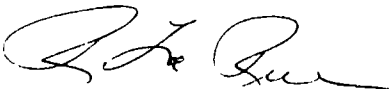
MS. KATHLEEN McGINTY
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW
WASHINGTON DC 20500

Re: Attached letter to President Clinton - EPA Chlorine Issue

I wrote the attached letter to Mr. Clinton and thought you would be interested in how I feel about the EPA's decision.

I'd like to know what your thinking is on this issue and would appreciate it if you would take the time to drop me a note or give me a call.

Sincerely,

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Richard L. LaRue
220 Fawn Hollow Lane
Argyle, TX 76226
(817) 455-5015

Richard L. LaRue
220 Fawn Hollow Lane
Argyle, TX 76226

March 3, 1994

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I just have to voice my concern about your administration's proposal to eliminate "most uses of chlorine -- now in thousands of products" as quoted in *USA Today* 2/24, just because an extremist group has tried to scare us by linking chlorine with water pollution in the Great Lakes. I'm confused. Since I was a little boy, I learned chlorine was a remedy for polluted water and that its use has saved millions of lives worldwide!

Greenpeace apparently has the EPA's ear and they must have given it a good tugging to cause their lopsided view of chlorine because they apparently haven't given much thought to the benefits of "the thousands of products" that are made with it.

Personally, I'd like to be able to continue to buy economical bleach and chlorine, that effectively sanitizes my toilets, cleans my pool and my grandson's clothes, and removes dangerous slime mold from my brick patio so I don't fall and break a leg. And I like the fact that it does purify my water supply so I'm able to drink it long after its been lived in - - and unfortunately soiled by -- those furry animals and fish which I love as much as any Greenpeace advocate.

Then there are those good products made from chlorine, like that PVC plastic stuff. As a do-it-myselfer, I want to be able to continue to repair my home plumbing and sprinkler system with easy-to-use PVC pipe. Thank God I don't have to wrestle with that old-fashioned metal spiral-wound house wire that used to cut me whenever I tried to cut it! My new PVC windows insulate better than my cold aluminum ones did so I cut my fuel energy requirements. My wife likes her warm vinyl kitchen floor and I'll only use vinyl wallpaper because it goes up and comes off easily without scraping and sanding (dust pollution). I've had a vinyl pool liner that gave me 20 years of no peeling, acid washing, painting or resurfacing and my kid never scraped his nose nor stubbed his toes on the bottom.

All of these are great products as far as I'm concerned. It probably took many dollars and years of research to invent them and many more years of trial and error to get the kinks out so we consumers would trust them. I'll bet there are thousands of other safe products made from chlorine that you or I just take for granted.

President William J. Clinton

March 3, 1994

Page 2 of 2.

I suppose substitutes could eventually be made, but maybe not as good, and at what hidden cost to me as a consumer -- and what little benefit is going to offset the redundant cost or the disruption to U.S. industry and its workers?

I'd hoped my government would choose to spend my tax dollars in ways more productive to our economy or more directly beneficial to our health, speaking of which, chlorine does go into a lot of medicines so I understand.

I vote we take the millions of dollars which it will cost industry, government, consumers, (passed down to taxpayers) to fund another futile debate and give it all to medical research to find cures for debilitating diseases like diabetes, AIDS, Alzheimer's or mental illness which strikes one out of every 10 citizens!

Yes, I like a clean environment but I don't believe the EPA's effort on this issue is worth it to me when there are greater problems in America that need attention.

Mr. President, for the growing many of us who realize that there are benefits as well as risks to everything man-made or God-made on this planet, please redirect EPA's efforts to more substantial or pressing issues.

Please let me know your thoughts, and thank you for hearing me.

Sincerely,

Richard LaRue
220 Fawn Hollow Lane
Argyle, TX 76226

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 22, 1994

Ms. Margaret A. Lavanture
President
Vytec
12912 Industrial Drive
P.O. Box 286
Granger, IN 46530

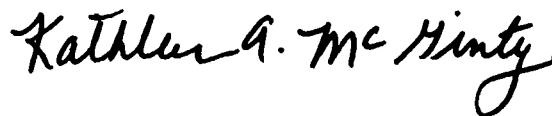
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Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



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

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March 25, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Asst. to the President & Director
Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
Room 360
17th St. & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Vytec, Incorporated is a vinyl profile extrusion company located in Granger, Indiana. We employ 24 people and pay wages in excess of one million dollars annually. The recent publication outlining the U.S. EPA's recommendations for reauthorizing the Clean Water Act that includes the provision to develop "a national strategy for substituting, reducing or prohibiting the use of chlorine and chlorinated compounds" has seriously jeopardized the future of Vytec, Incorporated. This provision of the plan and what it is based on is not scientifically sound.

Chlorine usage is an essential ingredient in the manufacturing of polyvinyl chloride plastics, more commonly referred to as PVC or vinyl. The vinyl industry and its direct customers employ approximately 100,000 people in the United States. More are employed in affiliated and supplier roles to the vinyl industry, or in end-product production that is dependent on vinyl as a raw material. Vytec produces various products for the garage door, recreational vehicle, manufactured housing, furniture, window and door industries to name a few. Products made from PVC, that we rely greatly on, include protective clothing, blood bags, medical device applications, plumbing and drainage pipe, siding, and numerous other building materials.

The process used to arrive at the chlorine recommendation was unjust. Activists, like Greenpeace, were included in the process and those who would be most immediately affected, those in the industry, were excluded. This unfair process greatly contradicts President Clinton's pledge to run an open, inclusive Administration.

Vytec Incorporated

12912 Industrial Drive / P.O. Box 286 / Granger, Indiana 46530 / (219) 277-4295

Ms. Kathleen McGinty

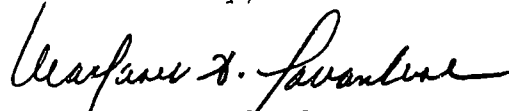
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I feel the recommendation is unnecessary; the vinyl industry is fully regulated and operates within set standards, and has a 50-year record of safe performance. The United States can not afford to lose any more manufacturing jobs if it is to remain a world leader.

The EPA obviously 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 this strategy and hope that you will assess the risk involved when considering any recommendations made regarding the use of chlorine.

Thank you for giving this issue your immediate attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret A. Lavanture".

Margaret A. Lavanture
President
Vytec, Incorporated

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Bill M. Lively
2608 S. Forestwood Drive
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March 24, 1994

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

Dear Ms. McGinty,

An issue has been brought to my attention at my work place and it causes me great concern. We are informed that the Clean Water Act may be amended to show prohibition of chlorine in vinyl products. This would affect me greatly. I am 61 years old and have worked for Ex-Tech in Richmond, Illinois (a plastics company) for about seven years. My wife is disabled, therefore I am the only source of income for our family. Amendment of this bill would most likely cause me to lose my job and the only income our family receives. I feel that the economy would also be seriously effected by the loss of thousands of jobs.

I ask you to please consider the seriousness behind the amending of this bill not only for myself but for thousands of others like myself and for the economy also.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely, *Bill Lively*

Bill M. Lively

THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 6, 1994

Mr. David Leavitt
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Ithaca, NY 14850

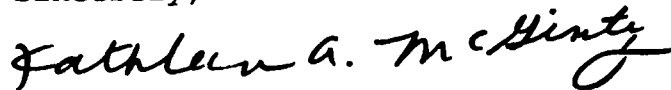
Dear Mr. Leavitt:

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
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February 6, 1994

Lodwick Cook
Chairman of the Board and CEO, ARCO
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Dear Mr. Cook:

I have recently been informed that ARCO has cut off a crucial dialogue with OPIP, the Organization of Indigenous Peoples of Pastaza, regarding oil drilling in eastern Ecuador. As a concerned citizen who has traveled extensively in tropical areas where development such as yours is taking place, I am very aware of the importance of serious communication and negotiation with the indigenous peoples whose homelands are at stake.

OPIP is an organization with a long and respectable history in the region. That is why I am both upset and surprised that ARCO has decided to end negotiation with them. ARCO is a company who has also been respected for a very long time. It is too bad to see your company's name tarnished because of poor policy in such an ecologically and socially fragile area as Pastaza Province in Ecuador.

I strongly urge ARCO to resume serious dialogue with representatives of OPIP, and to work with the indigenous people toward a plan for sustainable management in Pastaza. I appreciate your consideration of my input on this issue, and look forward to a response.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke underneath.

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February 6, 1994

Katie McGinty
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
The White House
Old Executive Office Building, Room 360
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mrs. McGinty:

I am writing to share a letter which I and many other people concerned about the tropics have sent to the CEO of ARCO.

As my letter mentions, ARCO has oil operations in indigenous territories within the rainforests of Ecuador. I have been studying their policies in Ecuador for several years. I would like you to know that ARCO and other companies such as Texaco have been getting away with extremely destructive projects with little accountability for quite some time. ARCO has recently ended dialogue with OPIP, the primary organization representing the indigenous people, over the fate of their own homelands.

Mrs. McGinty, I think you do a terrific job in the White House, and **I urge you to do everything within your power to insure that oil companies can not get away with damages in other countries that would be unspeakable here in the U.S. ARCO's actions are inexcusable.**

Thanks for regarding my input. I look forward to a response.

Sincerely,

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

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1994

Mr. Daniel A. Lindstrom
1110-B Scovill Street
Urbana, IL

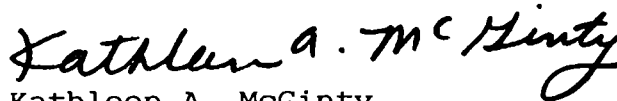
Dear Mr. Lindstrom:

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

KAM/jdm

1110-B Scovill St.
Urbana, Illinois
25 February 1994

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

Dear Ms. McGinty:

This is a letter which I have written to
the CEO of ARCO, Lodwick Cook:

The Ecuadorian indigenous peoples, such
as the Quichua, Shiwiar, and Achuar, who live in
Amazon jungle part of the country, have been fighting
to preserve their tropical forest homeland from dis-
rupting by oil companies such as ARCO which are pros-
pecting and drilling for oil.

The Organization of Indigenous Peoples of
Pastaza, or OPIP, is an organization representing the
indigenous peoples of the Ecuadorian Amazon and they
recently secured an agreement from the Ecuadorian
government to conserve a million hectares of their
rainforest lands.

However, there have been plans to prospect for
oil in the Pastaza area, including a road and a pipe-
line to cross the area. Therefore, I urge you to re-
sume a serious process of dialogue with OPIP and work
out a plan with the indigenous organization for sua-
tainable environmental management in the Pastaza area

Yours truly,

*Daniel A.
Lindstrom*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 6, 1994

Ms. Leslie Hartley Lowe
9820 Buesing Road
Klamath Falls, OR 97603

Dear Ms. Lowe:

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.

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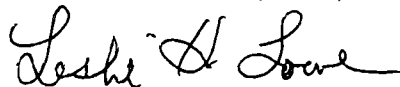
April 1, 1994

Dear Chairman Cook,

Given the date, you might think I'm 'fooling', but you certainly are not if you develop oil projects in Pastaza in Ecuador without resuming a serious dialogue with OPIP and the indigenous organizations that help plan for a sustainable environment in Pastaza. I understand that the government of Ecuador is already planning to construct new roads and a pipeline in anticipation of your development there. Yet, no environmental impact study has been completed to help direct and guide the process of making changes in the land.

Please consider taking the need for an environmental impact statement seriously and make a move toward re-establishing a dialogue with OPIP and the indigenous organizations.

With all due respect,



Leslie Hartley Lowe
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cc: Katie McGinty, Director Office of Environmental Policy

THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 1, 1994

Ms. Jean Larson
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Dear Ms. Larson:

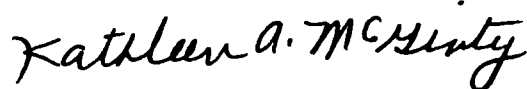
Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about President Clinton's Forest Management Plan. It was good to hear from you.

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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Soda Mountain Wilderness Council

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

RE: PNW Forest Plan
FSEIS-ROD Changes

Dear President Clinton,

Reserve must be initiated!

Thank you for attempting to address the many problems in forest management that have plagued the Forest Service and BLM in the Pacific Northwest. We place great trust in your administration and these agencies to conserve and protect these forests not only for present and future human generations, but also for hundreds of forest plant and animal species we did not create and cannot replace.

Unfortunately, your Final draft for management of spotted owl forests in Washington, Oregon, and California not only does not protect spotted owls sufficiently, as required by law, but neither does it protect salmon, steelhead, and countless other species the law requires the federal government to protect.

One of the best ways to protect threatened species at the least cost to the timber industry is to protect all roadless areas remaining on federal forest land. These are precious refuges of biodiversity. They have still not been cut because their timber value per acre is lowest and access to them is most difficult.

Specifically -- please protect key land bridges between bioregions. A glaring error in your Final document is in the Siskiyou Pass corridor east of Interstate 5 in Oregon north of the California border. The Soda Mountain-Pilot Rock ridge needs "Reserve" status. Every spotted owl study or recovery plan to date regarded this area as critical connectivity habitat between the Klamath/Siskiyou and Southern Cascades. Every option but the politicized "Option 9" put this area in "Reserve." It needs to be a "Reserve" when the Record of Decision on this very significant plan is signed.

Please don't gamble with the forests of the present or future -- or the species which depend on them. At least protect all forest roadless areas. And certainly PUT THE SODA MOUNTAIN-PILOT ROCK-SISKIYOU PASS CORRIDOR IN RESERVE.

Sincerely,

Jean M. Larson

Date: 3/18/94

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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April 1, 1994

Mr. Patrick Lauber
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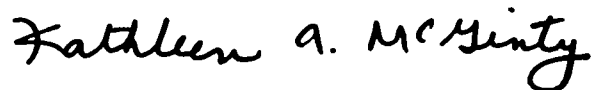
Dear Mr. lauber:

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

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March 9, 1994

Deputy Asst. Kathleen McGinty
Old Executive Office Bldg, Room 360
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington DC 20501

Regarding: Potential plan to limit or ban chlorine

My company is located in Midvale, Ohio and manufactures vinyl office chairmats. Since my employees and I are 100% dependent upon PVC resin to produce our products, we are *extremely* disturbed by the EPA's current proposal to substitute or prohibit chlorine.

It appears to me that this proposal has not been scientifically examined. Chlorine is one of the most prevalent compounds found in nature and the vinyl produced from chlorine is one of the most stable, workable materials known to man. PVC is one of the top plastics used throughout the world, so banning chlorine would have a significant detrimental impact on our economy.

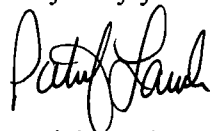
Chairmats were formerly produced from acrylic, however this compound is much more expensive than vinyl and its brittle nature led to cracking and replacement. The flexibility and durability of vinyl allows me to offer a lifetime guarantee on our chairmats. In one way, vinyl is easier on the environment by lasting much longer in our application. For the same length of service as provided by a vinyl chairmat, you might require three or four acrylic chairmats.

Vinyl is also easily recycled. In our factory, we reprocess 100% of our scrap and trimmings. Further, because vinyl can be reprocessed several times without experiencing any change in its characteristics, we are able to offer a buy-back program to our distributors. This program allows them to return any cut-off pieces or damaged chairmats to us for credit.

Perhaps most disturbing is that the EPA seemed to embrace Greenpeace and ignore the millions of Americans involved in chlorine-dependent industries when developing their stand. I strongly urge you to reject reactionary claims and insist on objective, scientific analysis of this issue. If study of chlorine is approached in an unbiased, scientific manner, you will discover the benefits of chlorine and its associated industries far outweigh any negative environmental impact.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Very truly yours,



Patrick Lauber

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 16, 1994

Lynn C. Landry
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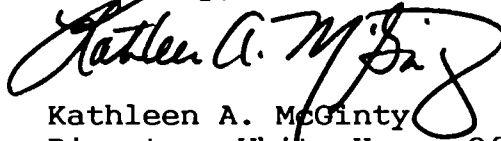
Dear Lynn:

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

KAM/avl

Dear Robert O.Boorstin,

This letter regards the E.P.A.'s request for Congressional authorization to reduce or substitute the use of chlorine compounds. Since I am one of million job holders whose job is directly associated with the making of chlorine I thoroughly oppose this proposal.

In addition, wages and salaries total more than 30 billion a year and 40 percent of all United States jobs depend in some way or another on chlorine. products.

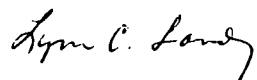
Even if a chlorine substitute is to be produced safely or as cheaply as chlorine the impact would cause irreparable damage to our nation, our community and least of all myself. I have been working in the chlorine industry for 16 years, I make my living off of this product as well as my colleagues. We are very concern!

Don't get me wrong, I am all for preserving the environment, but take natural gas for instance, it probably kill more people and damages more property in one year than chlorine would do in a lifetime! Why doesn't E.P.A. ban this gas? Probably because it does more good than harm. I feel the same way about chlorine gas.

Finally, let me tell you about myself. I come from a large catholic family, In just my father's family there were thirteen, each one of the thirteen had a family of two children to eleven. I myself came from a family of eleven. We are all married and have children of our own most are of voting age. When it comes to registered voters, my family has much more than a normal one. This big family of voters would be very disappointed if a proposal such as the E.P.A. is trying to push were to pass.

Yours truly,

Lynn C. Landry



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

The Honorable Blanche Lambert
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Lambert:

The President asked that I respond to your November 2, 1993, letter regarding exploratory drilling for lead on the Eleven Point District of the Mark Twain National Forest. It was good to hear from you, and I apologize for the delay in responding.

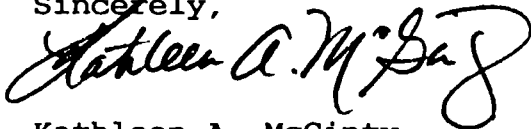
The preservation of the environment continues to be one of this Administration's highest priorities. I appreciate your concern about the potential impacts of mineral activities on the Eleven Point District might have on the health of the citizens of your district and the environment. Although hard rock mining has occurred for several decades underneath other areas within the forest, no mining has occurred on the Eleven Point District of the Mark Twain National Forest. All of the present activity is exploration to identify if mineralization exists.

As you know the Mark Twain is one of the most heavily mineralized areas in the world. Under current law and regulation public lands are open to mineral exploration and development, while ensuring environmental protection of resources and mitigation. Doe Run Company is currently drilling exploratory holes to gather information that they need to supply to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to support their claim of a valuable discovery of lead. Once exploration is completed, BLM must determine whether or not a valuable discovery was made. If it is determined that a valuable discovery exists, the mining company has the right to apply for a lease that grants the right to mine the mineral deposit. If a lease is applied for, the Forest Service as the land management agency will evaluate the affects of mining prior to making a decision on whether or not to allow mining. The public will be invited to comment during the evaluation process.

Your concerns about the effects on the aquifers and the water in the surrounding areas will be addressed during the environmental evaluation. Let me assure you again that any mining that occurs in the Mark Twain Forest must be done in an environmentally sound manner to protect the air, water and land resources important to tourism and other uses. We are committed to the environment and to protecting the health of the citizens of Arkansas.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with us.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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House of Representatives

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November 2, 1993

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES
SUBCOMMITTEE ON COAST GUARD
AND NAVIGATION

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Protection of our natural resources is one of our most important functions as representatives and guardians of this country. As such, we sometimes must step out in front and take affirmative action to prevent the destruction of some of our most treasured resources.

In particular, I want to direct your attention to a situation with which you may be acquainted. In Missouri, the Doe Run Company is drilling exploratory holes in the Mark Twain National Forest to locate lead deposits. I am concerned over the possible adverse health effects on the citizens of my district in Arkansas and the dire environmental implications.

From the information I have gathered, Doe Run has sunk six exploratory holes in the National Forest to gather "supplemental information" needed to obtain its preference right lease (PRL) to mine lead. It is my fear and the fear of my constituents living in Randolph County, in the northeastern part of Arkansas, that this exploratory drilling and the potential lead mining, if a PRL is granted, will lead to the contamination of their drinking water. This boring goes through two aquifers. The top aquifer recharges the Big Spring on the Current River and the lower aquifer, the Ozark Aquifer, recharges Greer Spring on the Eleven Point River. These high quality aquifers combined create the main source of water for over 20,000 Arkansans.

The National Forest sits on karstlands, a unique matrix of underground caves where underground streams move quickly through the land with no natural filtration system; any contamination upstream directly affects individuals using the water 40 miles downstream.

I am concerned over the dearth of scientific research available to adequately ascertain the potential effect of this drilling. My examination of the issue leads me to conclude that Doe Run, the Forest Service (FS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) do not know the extent of the value of the effected aquifers and do not appreciate the potential adverse consequences that may result from this mining activity. The possible health consequences are dire.

The Honorable William J. Clinton

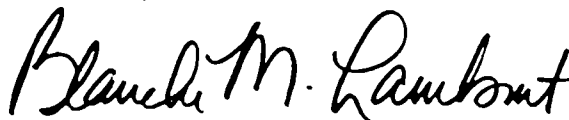
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November 2, 1993

Finally, before a PRL is granted, the applicant must show that the extraction of the mineral is economically "workable" to constitute a "valuable mineral deposit." For example, the value of the lead mined must exceed the cost of extracting it to be a workable deposit. Currently, the production of lead continues to exceed consumption levels, resulting in large stockpiles. The Department of Defense alone has 600,000 short tons of lead in its stockpiles, ready to be introduced into the commercial market. In August 1992, there was a surplus at the U.S. lead refineries of 24,425 short tons. Standards and Poor's Industrial Surveys for Metals-Nonferrous, October 29, 1992 (Section 3), p. M 88. In addition, of the total lead consumed today, a majority of it comes from secondary or recycled lead. In 1992, the U.S. produced 1,316,000 short tons of lead – 336,000 short tons from primary or virgin lead and 980,000 short tons from recycled lead. In light of today's lead market, the increased use of recycled lead, the current inventory surpluses, the toxicity threat, the reduced consumer need for lead, and the geological and ecological sensitivity of the area, I urge you to withdraw, by Executive Order, the Eleven Point District of the Mark Twain National Forest from further mining activities.

I hope that you will seriously consider this request and withdraw this land from further mining. The residents in Randolph County have appealed administratively the FS's and the BLM's decision to permit the mining of lead in the Mark Twain National Forest, but to no avail. An Executive Order to withdraw this area is one of their last resorts to protect their drinking water from potential lead contamination. This area in southeast Missouri has eluded lead mining operations that has permanently contaminated streams and lands throughout Missouri. The Big Springs Country hosts several million tourists a year for various recreational activities, including canoeing, hunting, fishing and hiking, and is an area of incredible biological diversity with a myriad of rare and endangered plants and animals. We cannot continue to destroy such national treasures for exploits that have no merit. I know that residents in Northeastern Arkansas have spoken to the First Lady about this issue and that she is sympathetic to their plight. As one Arkansan to another, I hope that I can turn to you to help us with this urgent situation. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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BLANCHE M. LAMBERT

Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 10, 1994

Mr. Ken Leghorn
Alaska Discovery
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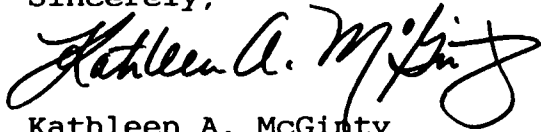
Dear Mr. Leghorn:

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.

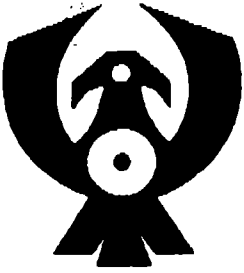
I certainly appreciate learning your views about the Tongass National Forest and Sitka and the surrounding region's economy. Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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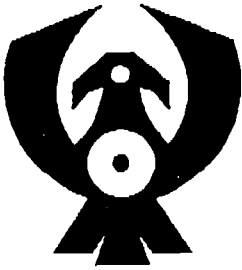
To - Katie McCarty

Office of Environmental Policy

From - Ken Leghorn

Attached is a copy of our
letter to Jim Lyons. We
greatly appreciate your
interest in Tongass Forest
issues. A new vision is
long overdue!

Thank you.



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Jim Lyons
Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture
14th and Independence Ave. SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

January 20, 1994 via FAX and First Class Mail

Dear Jim:

Alaska Discovery is strongly supportive of cancellation of the two 50-year timber contracts on the Tongass National Forest. We have recognized for years that the contracts are obstacles to sound forest planning and management on the Tongass. In both forest-wide and specific timber sale planning, we have seen many times how recreation and tourism have taken a back seat to contract obligations. The demand for recreation services continues to grow on the Tongass, yet we are seeing our future unfairly limited by lopsided management imposed by the contracts.

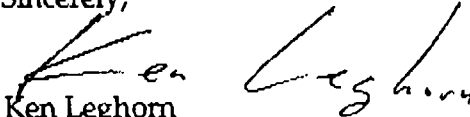
Alaska Discovery, a wilderness expedition company, was the first tourism business to be permitted on the Tongass National Forest. Our business depends on the wild lands of the Tongass. With little demands on the Forest Service personnel or budget, we contribute 3% of our adjusted gross revenues to the federal government in advance of each summer season.

For the 23 years of our existence, we have found increasing frustration with the lack of attention to our industry's needs. Although tourism is the fastest growing industry in Southeast Alaska, and second only to commercial fishing in the number of people we employ, tourism opportunities are being squeezed out by the high volume of timber provided to the two mill owners. The economy of the Tongass today is vastly different than when the contracts were initiated, and tourism, fishing, and sustainable timber harvesting can provide a strong economic future if not constrained by the contracts.

Once an area is managed for timber and pulp production, it cannot be revisited for over 100 years. Tourism can operate in an area year after year, with no decline in value. As a commercial user of Forest Service land, we are well aware of your multiple-use mandate. But the priorities provided to the owners of the long term contracts prohibits the Forest Service from putting this principle into practice.

Alaska Discovery supports the Forest Service's notice of breach of the APC timber contract. The Tongass is long overdue for a new vision, and we appreciate your far-sighted approach to forest management here. Please let us know if we can provide you with any information on tourism issues and opportunities in our region.

Sincerely,


Ken Leghorn
co-owner

Zensinger, they have been supportive. A proposal we had in with FEMA stopped at Robert Volland's office. It wasn't a priority. I have also spoken with Undersecretary Bob Nash who, together with Andrew Cuomo from HUD, and Chris Edley at OMB, are responsible for helping to relocate these communities. He was supportive and interested and wanted to see who else supported it. Apparently not many because we never heard back from him, and not for a lack of trying. We never got a return call from HUD after sending scores of information on this effort to Andrew Cuomo's office. It appears that these agencies do not see why sustainable development should be included in their agenda's. It's just not relevant.

The fact is if we don't consider it, these communities will be built by default, with expensive, wasteful technologies, with duplication of planning assistance, at an increased bottom line. Our strategic review is going to ask "How can we take our limited resources and build better communities with the same dollars?" We know there is a better way to build so why, when given the opportunity to start from scratch, should we retreat and do it the way it's always been done? We know better. I believe it's simply bureaucratic inertia.

In *Earth in the Balance*, the Vice-President states that a large part of the problem is timid policy choices. Integrating sustainability into the rebuilding of communities, from the Midwest to California, to the next disaster, is the right thing to do. They will be better off environmentally and economically. From an immediate strategic point of view, we will be providing incentives for Midwest communities that remain on nature's collision course, to move off the floodplain and build a more prosperous future. As a result, there will be long-term mitigation benefits by reducing the disaster rolls. You can't force a community to move but you can entice them with a better way of life.

Even in the short term it will save taxpayers money to conduct a strategic review, and do generalized planning instead of letting each community re-invent the wheel and start from square one. If we assume, very conservatively, that we can save 53 communities (a number provided by FEMA) \$10,000 worth of generalized planning by taking these guidelines and getting to the specifics, that will result in an overall savings of \$530,000. Due to the economic benefits of sustainable development, there will also be improved tax bases in these new efficient communities which will increase tax revenues. Without pre-planning we'll spend that extra \$530,000, which is likely to be much higher. The communities will be built without these economic benefits, with unnecessary emissions, wasting water, energy, and other natural resources, and with no progress in the nation's education process on sustainable development.

We need the Administration to say to its agencies that there is a better way to do business. We need a clear message from on high, that will empower these agencies to be creative and effective in this area. We need them not to make timid policy choices because that's the way it's always been done. It is in both our short and long-term national economic and environmental interest to do strategic planning. If anything, we want the moral support of these relevant agencies. We want them to participate. They should also support it from a financial standpoint because of the economic reality I outlined. Planning saves money, lack of

planning costs money. At this point, however, I think it's more important for them to see the benefits to the nation of proceeding in this direction.

I don't know the best way to relay that message to the agencies, whether you, Katie, or even the Vice-President should send a message to 'do the right thing', and don't make timid policy choices. When the Vice-President met Craig Sieben on October 31st, he said that this was very important work, that he wanted to be sure those communities were rebuilt in a sustainable fashion, and that, coincidentally, he had a call in to James Lee Witt that day to discuss it. He knew Bob Berkebile and other members of the 'Greening of the White House' team, and thought they were an excellent group for conducting the Wingspread Conference. He advised Craig to keep up the good work and contact Katie McGinty if we had problems. We took that to heart and have been working hard. I think a note of support or a call to either the Directors, or Assistant Directors (Andrew Cuomo at HUD, Bob Nash at Ag, Dick Krimm at FEMA, Interior, EPA) will be the nudge they need to proceed.

This opportunity should not be lost. If done well it will be a paradigm shift in land-use and resource planning. The momentum among these dedicated participants is high. I don't want to go back and tell them that it simply wasn't a priority and I don't think you want me to either. Thanks for listening. I obviously feel strongly about this. You have already been a great ally.

cc: Craig Sieben, Sieben Energy Associates
Bob Berkebile, BNIM Architects

Name	Date
Peter Kundlet	3/17/00

Counsel

THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 10, 1994

Ms. Nancy R. Lethcoe
President
Alaska Wilderness Recreation
and Tourism Association
P.O. Box 1353
Valdez, AK 99686

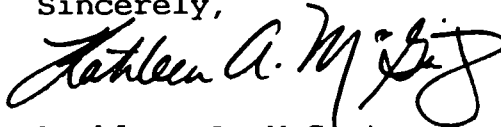
Dear Ms. Lethcoe:

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, reading "Kathleen A. McGinty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "McGinty" being more prominent and stylized.

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

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P.O. Box 1353
Valdez, AK 99686
Phone: 907-835-4300
Fax: 907.835.5679

To: Katie McGinty
From: Nancy R. Lethcoe, President
Re: Cancellation of APC and KPC timber contracts in the Tongass National Forest
Date: January 20, 1994

Dear Ms McGinty:

I am writing to you on behalf of our members in Southeast Alaska who operate trips in the Tongass National Forest. The Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association supports the Forest Service's notice of breach of the APC and KPC contracts and supports the cancellation of these two contracts in the Tongass National Forest.

Our reasons are explained in the attached letter to Senator Ted Stevens.

We look forward to working with the administration to develop a new plan for sustainable development of the Tongass National Forest that is sensitive to the growing needs of the tourism industry, the area's second largest employer.

Sincerely,

Nancy R. Lethcoe, President

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Counsel

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Mr. Adam Lawhon
2609 Olanta Highway
Effingham, SC 29541

Dear Mr. Lawhon:

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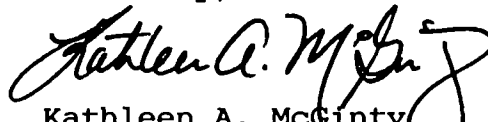
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Some people fear that our work on this scientific methodology signals that we are changing our position and are preparing to support commercial whaling. Let me reassure you that this is not true. The United States has no intention to support commercial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



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

KAM/avl

Dear Ms. Kathleen McGinty,

My teacher, Mrs. Martin, has been telling my class about your part in the killing of the whales. I would like to protest the killing of one of our natural resources. With the destruction of so many of our animals, it very important that we try to keep as many of them alive as we can.

Adam Lawhon

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Cheryl E. Longshore
1270 W. Peachtree Street, N.W.
Apartment 7
Atlanta, GA 30309-3409

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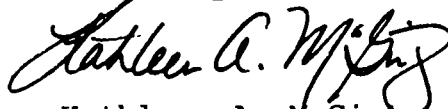
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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February 23, 1994

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing to strenuously protest the Clinton Administration's position for the resumption of commercial whaling. I voted for President Clinton, and I have stood behind his policies when many others attacked them. However, I cannot in good conscience continue to support an administration which allows the slaughter of these magnificent creatures.

I am a proud member of the Whale Adoption Project. Today I cried when I learned that Clinton had reversed U.S. policy on whaling and that my adopted whale's calf, just a few months old, is now dead, possibly due to the actions of my own President. I feel you should be aware that each whale is a sensitive individual with its own unique personality and that each whale is part of a family, both of other whales and of concerned humans like myself. We will not stand idly by while you allow the destruction of members of our own families.

I urge you to search your own conscience. Please do not turn your back on the slaughter of these warm and delightful animals. Please advise President Clinton to STOP THE SENSELESS SLAUGHTERING OF WHALES.

Sincerely,


Cheryl E. Longshore

"Though we exist as separate species, our fates are connected universally."

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Rhiannon Lewis
1134 Eden Avenue
Stockton, CA 95207

Dear Rhiannon:

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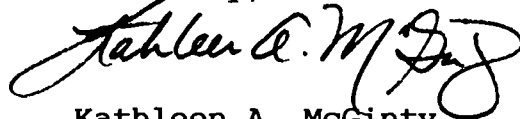
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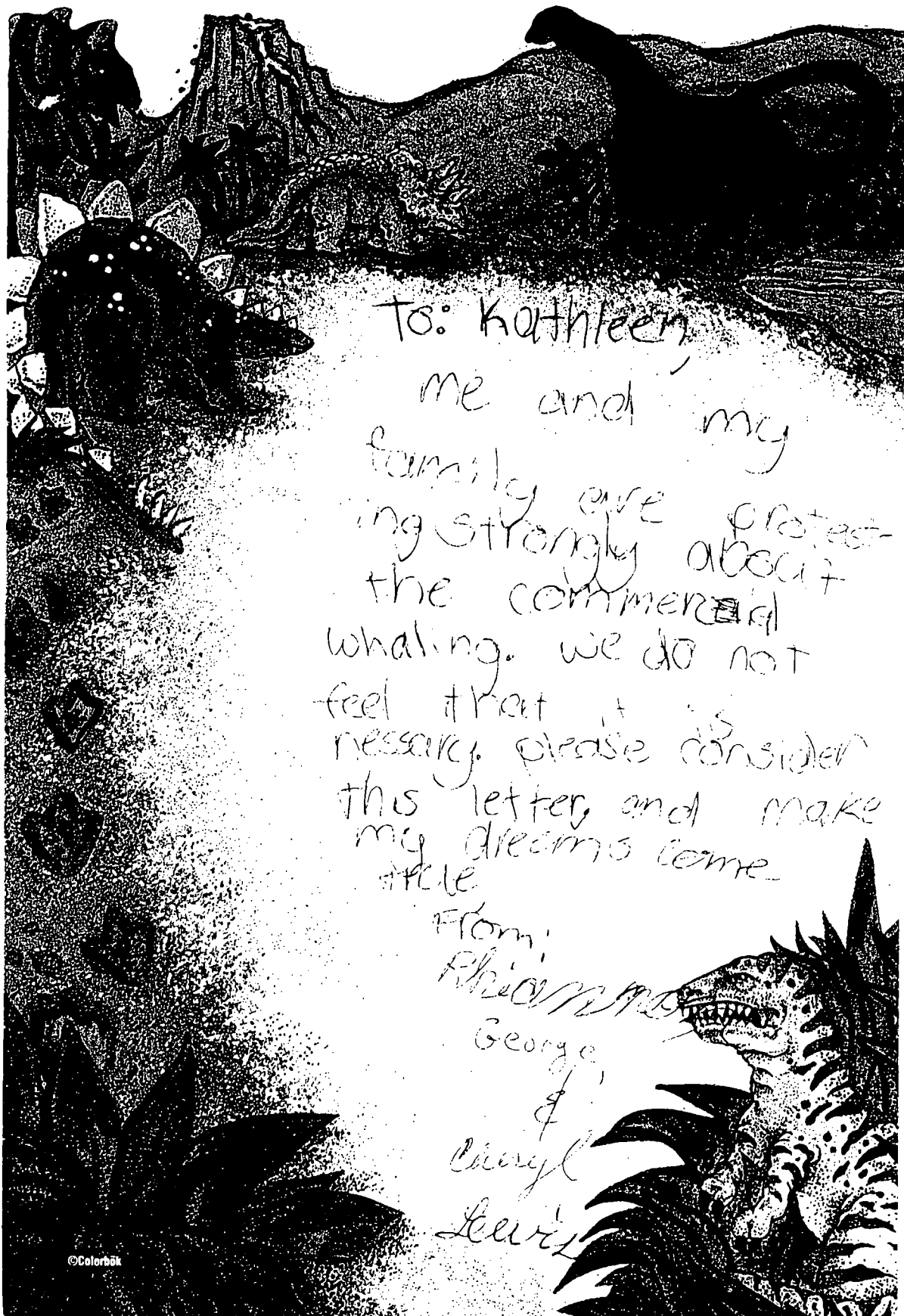
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Sincerely,



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Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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To: Kathleen,
me and my
family are protest-
ing strongly about
the commercial
whaling. we do not
feel that it is
nessary. please consider
this letter and make
my dreams come
true.

From:

Rhonda

George,

&

Carol

Levi

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Mr. and Ms. Peter and Janet Lever
50 Grovelands Road
Headington
Oxford OX3 8HZ
England

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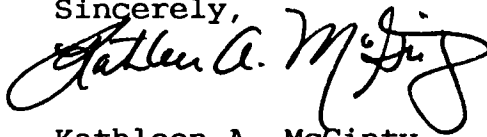
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Janet and Peter Lever
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Headington
Oxford, ENGLAND
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Tele: (0865) 60212

27th February 1994.

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

Dear Mrs.McGinty,

We are writing to protest strongly
about the Clinton Administration's position
for the resumption of commercial whaling.
No way must science-based commercial whaling
be implemented. All whaling must be stopped
the barbaric killing cease and the whales
allowed to live freely.

These lovely creatures must be protected
from any more killing.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Lever

Janet and Peter Lever

Peter Lever

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Denise Lima
1 Wall Street
Metuchen, NJ 08840

Dear Ms. Lima:

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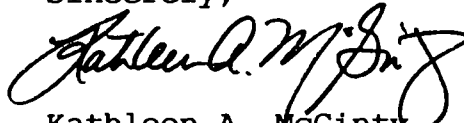
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Ms. Denise Lima
1 Wall Street
Metuchen, NJ 08840

also instead of dead ones
Again I urge President Clinton to
consider the United States stands on
issue. Thank you.

Sincerely
Denise Lima

Ms. Denise Lima
1 Wall Street
Metuchen, NJ 08840

Kathleen McGinty, Deputy Assistant to the
President for Environmental
Policy

17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave. NW,
Washington DC. 20500

Dear Mrs. McGinty

I am strongly against President
Clinton's decision to support the implemen-
tation of science-based whaling,

It's an outrage to know & realize that
our country will support other countries
that aren't killing, for research and for the
sake of killing. Killing whales for the
sake of research serves no logical
purpose.

Whalewatching is a new science. We
can learn & discover more about live

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Mr. and Ms. Floyd Linker
111 Ross Drive, S.W.
Vienna, VA 22180

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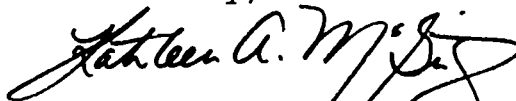
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February 23, 1994

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Vienna, Virginia 22180

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Deputy Assistant to the
President for Environmental Policy
17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Commercial Whaling

Dear Ms. McGinty:

It is with a feeling of great distress and absolute shock that we write this letter regarding the Clinton Administration's announcement that the United States now supports the implementation of science-based commercial whaling. We understand that this is the Administration's attempt to avoid economic sanctions against Norway for commercial whaling, but it constitutes a complete reversal of the stand taken by the United States at the last meeting of the International Whaling Commission, and unless it is reversed immediately, guarantees the overturn of the moratorium against commercial whaling. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.

Not only is it vital to continue the moratorium on whaling we also must continue to authorize the U.S. Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Please, Ms. McGinty, use your influence as Deputy Assistant to President Clinton to encourage him to rescind his support of whaling and to support the International Whaling Commission legislation.

Very truly yours,

Mr. & Mrs. Floyd L. Linker

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Linker

cc: Senator John Kerry

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Janet Leinhauser
98 Aborn Avenue
Warwick, RI 02888

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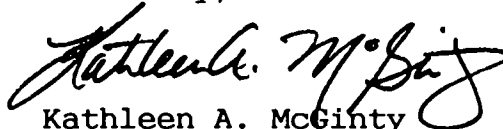
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TO MS KATHLEEN MCGINTY:

FEB 23, 1993

I'VE JUST READ THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON, A PRESIDENT I VOTED FOR, WILL BE SUPPORTING SCIENCE BASED COMMERCIAL WHALING.

I CANNOT BELIEVE THIS. I AM SO ANGRY + FRUSTATED. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN A STRONG OPPONENT OF COMMERCIAL WHALING AND W/OUT OUR SUPPORT THE MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL WHALING MOST LIKELY WILL BE OVERTURNED AT THE UPCOMING WHALING COMMISSION MEETING IN MEXICO.

THE GOVERNMENT JUST CANNOT DO THIS TO US! IN A COUNTRY WHERE "SAVE THE WHALE" IS A COMMON PHRASE AND THOUSANDS, NO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS, DONATE MONEY TO ~~WHALING~~ STOP WHALING AND PRESERVING THE WHALE, YOU GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CANNOT JUST STEP IN AND MAKE US ALL HYPOCRITES, UNDERMINE OUR WORK - ESSENTIALLY STAB US IN THE BACK.

YOU CANNOT PUT US IN RANKS WITH THE "BAD GUYS" NORWAY, JAPAN WHO REFUSE TO HONOR THE MORATORIUM.

I WISH THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION WOULD SHOW JUST A LITTLE BACKBONE. NOT ONLY IS HE PUSSYFOOTING AROUND THIS WHOLE BOSNIA THING, BUT NOW HE ~~B~~ WOULD RATHER SELL OUT A NATION (WHO VOTED FOR HIM) OF WHALE SUPPORTERS THAN ECONOMICALLY SANCTION NORWAY OVER THEIR RESUMPTION OF WHALING.

I ~~HA~~ HAD VERY GOOD FEELINGS WHEN I VOTED FOR PRESIDENT CLINTON. I FELT I HELPED ELECT SOMEONE FRESH + YOUNG W/ GOOD IDEAS, SOMEONE WHO WAS GOING TO TURN THINGS AROUND. I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL INSTEAD LIKE I JUST PICKED THE LESSER OF THREE EVILS, AND UNLESS HE BEGINS TO TURN AROUND I WON'T

BE VOTING FOR HIM AGAIN.

THANK YOU, FOR YOUR TIME, I LOOK FORWARD
TO REPLY ON THIS MATTER.

VERY SINCERELY

Janet Penhauer

98 ABORN AVE
WARWICK RI 02888

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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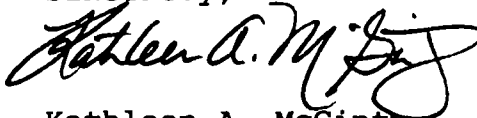
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Sincerely,



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

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2-25-94

Ms. Kathleen Mc Ginty

Dear Ms. Mc Ginty:

This is to protest strongly about the Clinton Administration's position for the resumption of commercial whaling.

I support the Whale Adoption Project among other animal rights organizations, and have "adopted" my whale, Quixote. Her flipper tail has an image that remarkably resembles Don Quixote on horseback with lance. It is quite something to see a picture of this tail, as I have seen in a photograph. My whale was not however spotted last year. It is so interesting and fun to hear about these beautiful creatures God made.

Sincerely,

Betty J. Larson

*Betty J. Larson
3701 W. 80th Street
Chicago, IL 60652*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Ms. Shirley Lloyd
5702 Darnell
Houston, TX 77096-1112

Dear Ms. Lloyd:

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

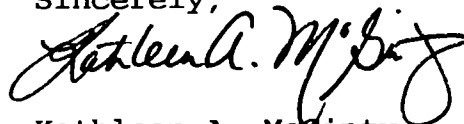
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5702 Darnell
Houston Texas 77096-1112
February 28, 1994

Ms Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Environmental Policy
17st St and Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D C 20500

Dear Ms McGinty:

I am writing to strongly protest the present Administration's policy to support the implementation of science-based commercial whaling. Japan currently is using this same ruse to put whale meat in their meat markets! (Some "scientific research"!)

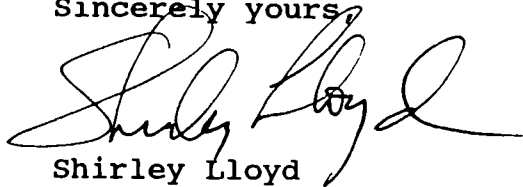
Some species of whales are believed to be below 400 total...for the entire population. To catch one of these intelligent creatures is the equivalent to killing several million people.

I am apposed to ANY killing of whales. I support an economic boycott of Norway and Japan to stop the killing.

Please relay my concern to President Clinton.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours

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Shirley Lloyd
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 10, 1994

Mr. George Levine
President, CEO
Cantex, Inc.
P.O. Box 340
Mineral Wells, TX 76068

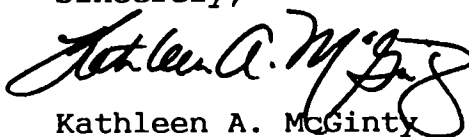
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Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
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CANTEX INC.
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March 1, 1994

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

Dear Ms. McGinty:

On February 1, 1994, Ms. Carol Browner, the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, on behalf of the Clinton Administration, proposed to Congress that they authorize her agency to conduct a study that would "prohibit, reduce, or substitute the use of chlorine" in the next three years. Ms. Browner requested the study as part of the Agency's recommendation to Congress for reauthorizing the Clean Water Act. The Administration has already indicated by its action they favor prohibiting the use of chlorine. Please see attached report.

Her request, if approved, will mean the ultimate destruction of the PVC pipe business, of which I am a part, and the elimination of an estimated 1.3 million jobs in chlorine related industries across our great state and country. Replacing this pipe with alternates, copper, steel, cast iron, or clay will increase energy consumption for the alternate materials, and a substantial increase in cost to the end user for a poor substitute.

In addition to the potential elimination of 1.3 million jobs in the U.S., it is estimated that the chlorine producing and consuming industries generate about 30 billion dollars in wages and salaries, and play a vital part in some 200 different American industries. It would be a national disaster if this proposal became law.

I am writing this letter as an individual citizen, and as President for a company that provides bread winner jobs for about 450 families in five plants across the U.S.

I am confident that your staff will verify for you that there is no scientific basis for this proposed action, and I am urging you on behalf of all of us to use your influence to prevent its adoption.

Sincerely,

CANTEX INC.

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George M. Levine
President - C.E.O.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 10, 1994

Mr. Ronald C. Lawwill
Group President
Polymers & Plastics Additives
Elf Atochem North America, Inc.
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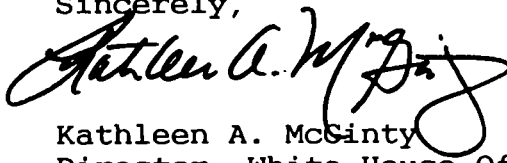
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February 28, 1994

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

SUBJECT: U.S. EPA Proposal to Phaseout Chlorine

Dear Ms. McGinty:

As Group President of Elf Atochem North America's Polymers & Plastic Additives 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 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

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
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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.

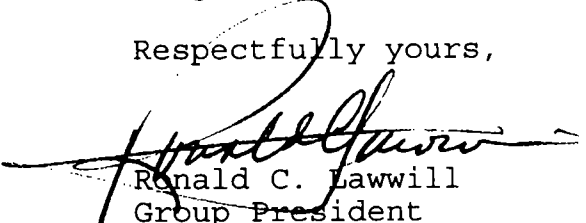
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Thank you for your consideration the points raised in this letter. I hope that, upon a careful review of the implications of the EPA proposal, that this administration will adopt a policy based on (1) credible science that weighs all the evidence in 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,



Ronald C. Lawwill
Group President
Polymers & Plastic Additives

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 10, 1994

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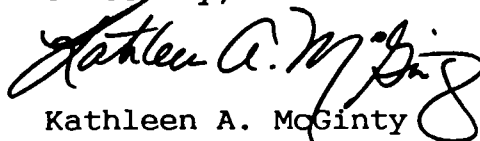
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February 18, 1994

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

SUBJECT: U.S. EPA Proposal to Phaseout Chlorine

Dear Deputy Assistant McGinty:

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Specifically, I am asking that, upon due consideration of the matter, you communicate to the White House and EPA your opposition to the subject proposal and your concern over Administrator Browner's judgement in issuing such a proposal without an understanding of the social, economic and health implications of her action -- an understanding that might have been obtained had her office opened up the process to all stakeholders.

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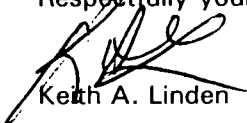
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Thank you for your consideration of this vitally important issue and for your support.

Respectfully yours,



Keith A. Linden

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

The Reverend Jersey Joe Lewis, Sr.
P.O. Box 193
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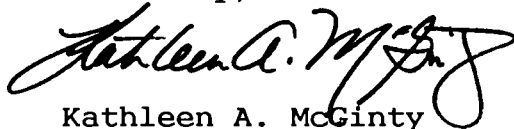
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Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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I'm writing this letter to express serious alarm regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recommendation 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 recommendation on chlorine is scientifically unfounded. It conflicts directly with the EPA's response to the International Joint Commission specifically rejecting sunsetting all uses of chlorine and chlorine containing compounds. The chlorine proposal does not belong in the Clean Water Act.

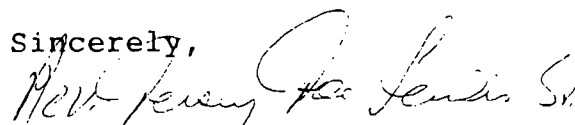
Prohibiting chlorine and chlorinated compounds without justification would cause irreparable damage to the U.S. Economy and would severely damage U.S. global competitiveness. The product of chlorine chemistry contribute ninety-one billion dollars per year in savings to the consumer and three billion towards the net trade surplus of the U.S. Chemical Industry. More than 1.3 million people are employed by the chlorine dependent industry with salaries that total more than 30 billion. Nearly all U.S. industries use chlorine and chlorine products.

Chlorine is the by-product of salt water (which covers three quarters of the earth) and electricity. The man-made product of chlorine is dwarfed by mother nature's natural process of using three quarters of the earth surface area which is salt water to produce chlorine since the beginning of time till the end of time.

The decision we made in dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki Japan won the war. For years after, people were dying. Well Japan was rebuilt around high technology with almost total reliance on chlorine and chlorine by-products.

Mr. President, have you taken the time to devise an alternate plan that would compensate unemployed workers and their families. A plan that would not include putting these families on the welfare role or in the employment line in a country that is just trying to recover from a recession. There must be a better way.

Sincerely,


Rev. Jersey Joe Lewis, Sr.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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March 10, 1994

Ms. Jennifer M. LePere
57830 Guidry Street
Plaquemine, LA 70764

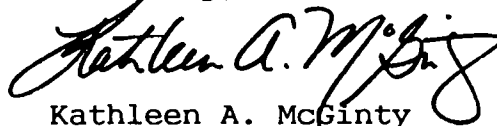
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February 17, 1994

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

Dear Mrs McGinty:

I write to express my concern on a request from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct a study which would develop a strategy to "prohibit, reduce or substitute the use of Chlorine". Those of us employed by Chlorine-dependent industries vigorously oppose it. We find this recommendation unfounded and very unfair.

Nearly all U.S. industries use Chlorine or products of Chlorine, these industries employ 1.3 million people & total more than \$30 billion in salaries.

Chlorine plays a major role in health care and is also used in medicines, disinfectants, crop-protecting chemicals and plastics.

There are dozens of federal laws and hundreds of individual regulations which sufficiently protect the environment from all chemicals.

I ask you to oppose any proposal along the lines of EPA's concepts and I thank you for your attention

Sincerely,
Jennifer M. LePere

JENNIFER M. LePere
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March 10, 1994

Mr. Mervin LeBlanc
122 Shane Street
Pierre Part, LA 70339

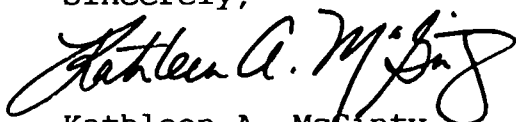
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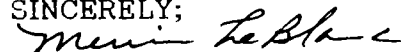
AS AN EMPLOYEE OF A CHEMICAL COMPANY WHICH PRODUCES CHLORINE AND PVC I AM ALARMED BY THE PROPOSED EPA RECOMMENDATION TO PROHIBIT, REDUCE, OR SUBSTITUTE THE USE OF CHLORINE AND CHLORINATED COMPOUNDS. CAMPAIGN PROMISES OF REDUCING THE WASTE AND SIZE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN ACTIONS SUCH AS THIS WOULD DISMANTLE AN INDUSTRY WHICH TOOK DECADES TO DEVELOP AND HAS PRODUCED SO MANY BENEFITS IN THE MEDICAL, AGRICULTURAL AND MODERN WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE. IT WOULD COSTS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JOBS AND WOULD REQUIRE YEARS OF SACRIFICE TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS. THE SUCCESS OF OUR SOCIETY IS DEPENDENT ON THE MARKET PLACE, NOT GOVERNMENT, TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS TO THOSE NOW IN USE.

THE PROCESS ARRIVED AT TO FORMULATE THIS EPA RECOMMENDATION IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF HOW GOVERNMENT IS BUCKLING UNDER TO ACTIVIST AND LOBBY GROUPS TO GOVERN OUR NATION. BY NOT INCLUDING KEY INDUSTRY OFFICIALS IN THE FORMULATION OF THIS RECOMMENDATION WE SEE ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW "GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE" IS BEING CIRCUMVENTED.

THERE ARE ALREADY DOZENS OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN PLACE TO SAFEGUARD THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND FORCE THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY TO CLEAN UP ITS ACT, WHICH IT HAS DONE THROUGH THE USE OF COMPANY PROFITS AND NOT GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES.

SIR, I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO HAVE THE FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY NOT INCLUDE SUCH PROPOSALS AS THIS AND TO CONTINUE YOUR EFFORTS IN RETURNING OUR GOVERNMENT TO THE ORIGINAL INTENTS OF THE FRAMERS OF OUR CONSTITUTION;
" OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE.

SINCERELY;



MERVIN LEBLANC
122 SHANE STREET
PIERRE PART, LA. 70339

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March 10, 1994

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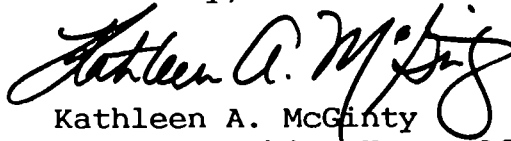
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February 16, 1994

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President
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Old Executive Office Building, Room 360
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Washington, D.C. 20501

SUBJECT: U.S. EPA Proposal to Phaseout Chlorine

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

What is most disturbing about Administrator Browner's announcement is that it reflects a continuing pattern to exclude 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 without the input of all stakeholders.

By way of background, Elf Atochem North America is a diversified chemical manufacturer employing more than 5,000 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 segments include: organic and inorganic chemicals, chemical intermediates, specialty chemicals, fine 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, an element on the periodic chart and chlorinated compounds are used to meet essential and vital needs of modern society, including: protecting our public water supply, in 85% of all medicines, in 96% of all crop protection chemicals, in vinyl plastics and in thousands of other products which are manufactured in the U.S. and marketed globally. These products are the basis of modern life.

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Approximately 1.3 million U.S. jobs and a \$3 billion net trade surplus are generated directly by the chlorine industry. Annual wages and salaries total more than \$30 billion. Further, almost 40 % of all U.S. jobs and income depend in some way on chlorine and the 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.

Process for Evaluating & Minimizing Risk is Already Underway

Scientific experts have concluded that chlorinated compounds should not be considered as a single group for purposes of risk assessment. The EPA proposal would short-circuit 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, bioaccumulative 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 the products of chlorine chemistry in the environment.

Thank you for your considering 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; (2) a fair and balanced process that involves all stakeholders; (3) a balance of social and economic factors; and (4) an evaluation of the risks of not using chlorine and the risks associated with potential alternatives. Elf Atochem North America is committed to protecting the environment and to active participation in the decision making process effecting chlorine chemistry. I hope that the EPA and this Administration will work with us to resolve this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Robert D. LeBlanc

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1994

Mr. Richard J. Laurich
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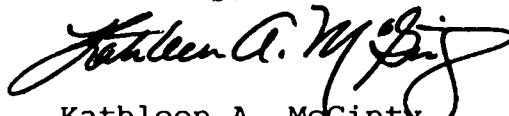
Dear Mr. Laurich:

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
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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February 14, 1994

Deputy Asst. to the Pres. and Dir.
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FAX: (202/456-2710)

Dear Ms. McGinty:

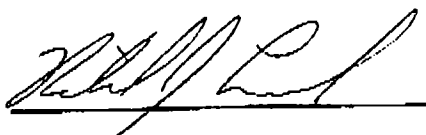
As a chemical worker in Louisiana, we are opposed to the proposal to prohibit, reduce or substitute the use of chlorine.

Chlorine or chlorinated compounds are used in almost every aspect of our every day lives.

The loss of this industry will face grave consequences, including the loss of many jobs.

We are confident that once you are aware of the vital contribution that chlorine and its products provide to public health and the U.S. economy, you will reconsider this proposal.

Sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 12, 1994

The Honorable Joseph Lieberman
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

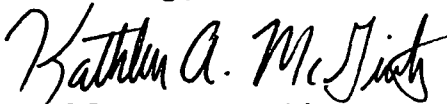
Dear Senator Lieberman:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Mr. Nick Valente's concerns about the packaging materials used by fast food restaurants. It was good to hear from you.

We have forwarded this letter to the Environmental Protection Agency solid waste office.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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

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

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March 17, 1994

The Honorable Joseph Lieberman
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lieberman:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Mr. Nick Valente's concerns about the packaging materials used by fast food restaurants. It was good to hear from you.

I appreciate learning Mr. Valente's thoughts on the important issue of using recyclable packaging materials. You may be aware that the Global Change Division at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has several programs already in place to call energy efficiency and environmental issues to the attention of the business community, as well as state and municipal governments and utilities. One large restaurant chain, in particular, has taken large steps in the right direction toward the goal environmental sustainability. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter and the information you enclosed to the Global Change Division for a detailed response to the issues that Mr. Valente's raises.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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

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*BS - is this appropriate?
Mr. McDonald's w/o mentioning it?*

No this is a solid waste office referral. (EPA OSW.)

JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN
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March 1, 1994

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Dear Ms. McGinty:

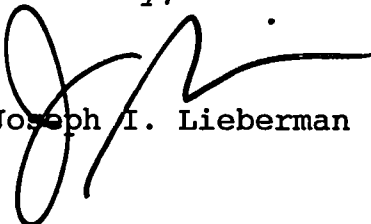
I'm enclosing a copy of a letter which I recently received from one of my constituents, Mr. Nick Valente, concerning the amount of solid waste produced by many fast food restaurants.

My constituent has raised specific concerns about the use of polystyrene foam to package fast foods, and he has suggested that all fast food restaurants convert to using wax paper since it is recyclable, biodegradable, and does not produce any harmful fumes if it is incinerated.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would review this letter and advise me as to whether there have been any specific efforts aimed at encouraging fast food restaurants to use more environmentally safe packaging materials.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Joseph I. Lieberman

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Enclosure

January 27, 1994

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The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lieberman,

I am writing to you about an issue concerning solid waste that fast food restaurants produce. Recently some fast food restaurants changed their thoughts on how to wrap their food. They have used polystyrene foam before and now they are using wax paper. The problem with polystyrene foam is that it is a harmful product to incinerate. The fumes are known to cause leukemia when breathed in. Another problem is it is very costly to ship to the restaurants. You cannot fit as many foam containers in one truck load as you can wax paper. Wax paper is 100% recyclable and it is biodegradable. When it is burned it does not produce any fumes. I am asking you to try to convince all fast food restaurants to change over to wax paper. Thank you for your time and concern.

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The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman

Sincerely,

Nick Valente

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