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September 20, 2000

9-21-00

(from Podesta's office)

To Cohen for reply?

Yes ☒ No ☐

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to commend you for your outspoken support of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act or another initiative and fiscal elements of that legislation. From the outset, our jurisdiction have focused on the need to rebuild interior, Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Urban Parkways Program. We invest appropriately in federal land systems, conservation, and restoration of America's most threatened coastal resources.

These elements must be prominent in any agreement between your Administration and the Congress. In particular, funds for Land and Water Conservation Fund state assistance and the rebuilding of park systems in our most socially, economically and environmentally distressed local jurisdictions must parallel the House-passed bill.

The political situation relative to the Conservation and Reinvestment Act and your Lands Legacy and Livability initiatives is, to us, unclear. There is increasing information, for example, that leaders of the House-Senate conference committee on fiscal year 2001 interior appropriations are proposing to substantially increase appropriations from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, perhaps in part to distract from passage of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act. A majority of funds, over \$600 million and perhaps more, would reportedly go to federal agencies; \$40 million would go to state assistance. This scenario, especially the allocation, should be rejected.

While additional resources from the fund would, of course, be welcome and a transition year is anticipated in the Conservation and Reinvestment Act, the House and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has, in effect, rejected a short term approach and especially gross distortions in allocation of resources. Early congressional initiatives leading ultimately to House passage of H.R. 701 by a 3 to 1 margin was a clear mandate for local-state-federal partnerships for recreation access and resource conservation. The appropriations proposal ignores the House action.

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Dear Mr. President:

We write to commend you for your outspoken support for passage in this Congress of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act or another initiative that embraces the principal policy and fiscal elements of that legislation. From the outset, House and Senate committees of jurisdiction have focused on the need to rebuild intergovernmental partnerships through the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program, invest appropriately in federal land systems, conservation of non-game wildlife species and restoration of America's most threatened coastal resources.

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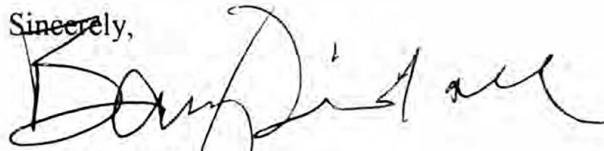
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and continuing advocacy by local and state recreation and park executives, mayors, governors and other public officials, citizen organizations and individuals. Their actions reflect deep citizen interest. LWCF appropriations are drawn principally from the extraction and sale of outer continental shelf energy resources owned by all Americans. Returning an equitable share of these resources to local and state governments will give citizens the greatest likelihood of addressing their immediate priorities and leveraging additional funds and support for parks.

The appropriations process since 1981 has annually under-funded park and recreation capital investment needs and largely ignored the critical role of non-federal alternatives to land conservation and recreation access. The current and projected strength of the U.S. economy, threats to resources, cost to consumers for energy, and wide ranging public and personal values arising from recreation experiences all dictate that the Conservation and Reinvestment Act must become law now.

We know you agree, and we remain available to contribute to this goal in every appropriate way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry S. Tindall", written in a cursive style.

Barry S. Tindall
Director of Public Policy

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

August, 2000

00 SEP 21 PM 2:54

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As Members of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation, we write in support of the nomination of the esteemed poet, historian, playwright, artist and activist, Dr. Maya Angelou, to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Dr. Angelou makes her home in Winston Salem, North Carolina and brings world attention to our State and to the Wake Forest University, where she serves as Reynolds Professor of American Studies.

We know it is not necessary to detail for you her long list of achievements, over the years. You know her well. She is a favorite daughter of North Carolina, and a revered citizen of the world. Thank you for your attention and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Eva M. Clayton

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Richard Burr
Richard Burr

John Edwards
John Edwards

Bob Etheridge

Bob Etheridge

Melvin Watt
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Mike McIntyre
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9/21/00

From Minyon —

Send to Cohen

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Assistant to the President
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Washington, DC 20500

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 21, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY HERNREICH, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND DORECTOR OF OVAL OFFICE OPPERATIONS

FROM: BOB J. NASH, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF
PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

RE: RAYMOND C. PIERCE

2000 SEP 21 PM 3:28

BC

I know that Mr. Pierce has sent a copy of this letter to the President but I wanted to make sure that you received a copy as well. I thought it might be of some interest to you.

He plans to run for mayor of Cleveland, Ohio.

9-21-00

Send to Cohen?

BC
S/g

Yes ☒

No ☐

cc: Exec Clerk?

Yes ☒

No ☐ cal



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

SEP 20 2000

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500-2002

Dear Mr. President:

I am honored to have served in your administration for nearly eight years in the U.S. Department of Education. However, September 25th will be my last day in Washington as my family and I will be moving back to my hometown of Cleveland, Ohio. It has been my distinct pleasure to have also served under the leadership of Secretary Richard R. Riley. I believe we have accomplished a great deal for our country showing leadership in high standards school reform, enforcing civil rights and promoting an environment where all children can learn. It has been good work – tough at times, but always good work. Thank you for the honor to have served in your administration. You and I first met many years ago when I left Cleveland to come to Little Rock and practice civil rights law with the John W. Walker Law Firm. From that time I have admired you and your efforts to improve the lives of people. Now I am going back home to Cleveland to engage in the process of political leadership. It is highly possible that I will campaign to be Mayor of Cleveland. Whatever path I take, I know I have benefited from being a member of your team. Thank you and may God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond".

Raymond C. Pierce
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office for Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Education

My wife Diane and I would love for you to have our new address:

Raymond and Diane Pierce
9346 Millcreek Blvd.
Cleveland, Ohio 44105

Fax Transmittal

Raymond C. Pierce
Deputy Assistant Secretary



U.S. Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights

400 Maryland Avenue
Washington, DC 20202

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Number of Pages (including cover sheet)

To: Lauren Skryzowski

Fax Number: 456-6508

Comments: Lauren: Here is a copy of my letter to the President.

Raymond



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Chief of Staff

Washington, D.C. 20201

00 SEP 21 AM 10:18

September 18, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO THURGOOD MARSHALL, JR.

I am forwarding the resignation of Ms. Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration. Resignation effective as of September 30, 2000. Please feel free to call me at (202) 690-7431, if I can be of any assistance.

Mary Beth Donahue
Mary Beth Donahue

Attachment

9-21-00

From Cabinet Affairs -

Send to Cohen

Yes ☒

No ☐

cc: Exec Clerk Yes ☒

No ☐

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The Administrator
Washington, D.C. 20201

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

SEP 18 2000

Dear Mr. President:

After three deeply rewarding years as Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, I am writing to let you know that I will be resigning at the end of September. I will become a Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government for the Fall Semester, which will allow me to reflect on what we have accomplished in the last eight years and spend more time with my family while I consider what to do next.

I am so honored to have had the opportunity to serve in your Administration since February 1993—first, at the Office of Management and Budget, and then, for the past three years, as HCFA Administrator. Under your leadership, our Government has made enormous progress toward greater security for the 74 million beneficiaries we serve.

When you became President, the actuaries who monitor Medicare's funding told us that the Medicare Trust Fund would be bankrupt by 1999. But through your courage and leadership, we extended the life of the Medicare Trust Fund through 2025. We cut waste, fraud, and abuse in half and saved Medicare and the taxpayers tens of billions dollars. While it is easy to talk about protecting Medicare, it is much tougher to do the things that have to be done to strengthen it. Thanks to you, Medicare is the healthiest it has ever been. Thanks to you, we also successfully launched the first major expansion of public health insurance since Medicare was created 35 years ago, enrolling two million children in the State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Serving you has been an honor and the most rewarding experience of my career. Thank you for eight wonderful years. I hope the future holds as many rewards for you and your family as you have brought to our nation. With best regards,

Sincerely,



Nancy-Ann Min DeParle

9-21-00



Richard L. Siewert
09/18/2000 07:03:57 PM

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Thanku!
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Record Type: Record

To: Nancy V. Hernreich/WHO/EOP@EOP
cc: Douglas J. Band/WHO/EOP@EOP
Subject: thought the president might appreciate this

it's a note from the author bob wright, whose book the president has discussed quite a bit recently. he's very happy as you can see below.

----- Forwarded by Richard L. Siewert/WHO/EOP on 09/18/2000 07:02 PM -----



Bob Wright <wright@clark.net>
09/18/2000 10:01:39 AM

Record Type: Record

To: Richard L. Siewert/WHO/EOP
cc:
Subject: Re: note from jake siewert

Jake--

Thanks so much. You made my weekend. I had heard from someone present at a fundraiser about 10 days ago that he'd mentioned the book, but I didn't know about this recent flurry of mentions until I got your e-mail. Whatever you do, don't stop him!

You have no idea how gratifying it is--after working hard on a book and then having to swallow the usual number of unappreciative reviews--to get this kind of affirmation from on high. BTW, he has done a more accurate job of summarizing my thesis than many reviewers.

Thanks again. And congrats on your new job.

--Bob

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----- Original Message -----

From: <Richard_L._Siewert@who.eop.gov>
To: <wright@clark.net>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2000 3:36 PM
Subject: note from jake siewert

> bob -- hope life is treating you well. the president has been
shameslessly
> flacking your book at all available opportunities. check out the
web-site,
> but here's a sample from remarks yesterday:
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> "And I'll just close with this. There is a fascinating book out that I
> just read by a man
> named Robert Wright, called "Nonzero." He wrote an earlier book called
> "The Moral Animal,"
> which some of you may have read. This whole book is about, is all this
> stuff that is
> happening in science and technology, on balance, good or bad, and are the
> dark
> scenarios going to prevail, or is there some other way?
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> The argument of the book, from which it gets its title, is basically
an
> attempt to
> historically validate something Martin Luther King once said, "The arc of
> history
> is long, but it bends toward justice." It's pretty hard to make that
case,
> arguably,
> when you look at what happened with World War I, with Nazi Germany and
> World War II,
> with the highly sophisticated oppressive systems of communism. But that's
> the argument
> of this book, that the arc of history is long, but it bends toward
justice.
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> The argument is that the more complex societies grow, and the more
> interconnected we all get, the more interdependent we become, the more
> we have to look for nonzero sum solutions. That is, solutions in which
> we all win, instead of solutions in which I win at your expense.
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> It's not a naive book. He says, hey look, there's still going to
> be an election for President. One person wins, one person loses.
> There's still going to be choices for who wins the company or who gets
> the pulpit. (Laughter.) There will be choices. It's not a naive book.
> But he says that, on balance, great organizations and great societies
> will have to increasingly look for ways for everyone to win, in an
> atmosphere of principle compromise, based on shared values, maximizing
> the tools at hand. Otherwise, you can't continue -- societies cannot
> continue to grow both more complex and more interdependent.
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> So I leave you with that thought, and whatever it might mean for
> you, in trying to reconcile your faith with the realities of modern

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 19, 2000

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO:

[BC]

GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS (D-CA)

(O): 916-445-2843 (Assistant: Tracy Olmstead)

RECOMMENDED BY:

Mickey Ibarra

Wiley

STAFF CONTACT:

Matt Bennett (456-6422)

PURPOSE:

To return Governor Davis' call to you (placed on September 8) regarding the CALFED program and the State Criminal Alien

BACKGROUND

CALFED Bay Delta

- Governor Davis has requested assurance that

- As you know, the Decision on the restoration of the Delta will fund the Delta supply reliability

- Your budget includes \$500 million for CALFED. Without that money, our progress on restoration, storage and conveyance measures will be jeopardized.

- Because the Congressional authorization for appropriations for the CALFED Bay Delta Act of 1994 provides this year, the House and Senate Committees provided closely with the requested funding. Representative Gary

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WASHINGTON

September 19, 2000

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TO:

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To return Governor Davis' call to you (placed on September 8) regarding the CALFED program and the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP).

BACKGROUND

CALFED Bay Delta Program

- Governor Davis is quite concerned about FY 2000 appropriations for the CALFED program, which currently is being held up by a dispute over authorizing language. He is seeking your assurance that we will fight for the CALFED funding.
- As you know, last month the Administration and Governor Davis signed a Record of Decision on the CALFED program finalizing a long-term plan for both water security and restoration of the California Bay Delta ecosystem. The plan, close to six years in the making, will fund the largest ecosystem restoration in the country and will improve water quality and supply reliability for more than 22 million Californians and seven million acres of farmland.
- Your budget includes \$60 million for CALFED. Without that money, our progress on restoration, storage and conveyance measures will be jeopardized.
- Because the Congressional authorization for appropriations for the CALFED Bay Delta Act of 1994 expires this year, neither the House nor Senate Appropriations Committees provided the requested \$60 million in funding. The Administration has been working closely with Senator Feinstein (D-CA) and Representative George Miller (D-CA) on a bill that will reauthorize funding for the program for one year, and we are keeping Representative Gary Condit (D-CA) informed of our progress.
- Subcommittee Chair John Doolittle (R-CA) introduced reauthorizing language that contains many objectionable features, including seriously flawed Endangered Species Act and water quality provisions. In a letter to Chairman Doolittle, Secretary Babbitt indicated that he would recommend a veto should the bill pass, and Governor Davis has sent a similar letter

pointing out the flaws in the bill. (There is some staff-level indication that Sen. Feinstein may be working out an independent deal with Rep. Doolittle.)

SCAAP Funding

- In your FY 2001 budget, you requested \$600 million for SCAAP. Last year, Congress appropriated \$585 million. The House CJS bill currently contains \$585 million, but the Senate's has only \$50 million.
- SCAAP is a reimbursable program, so there is no way of knowing how much of the money will go to California. Based on a three-year average, California usually receives 40-45 percent of the funding.

Other Points

- The Governor is likely to thank you for signing the disaster declaration last week for the Napa Valley Earthquake.

TALKING POINTS

- The CALFED agreement was a great achievement both for my Administration and yours, and it is very important to me. We must work to implement it next year.
- ✓ In the interim, I put \$60 million in my budget to keep the process going. We're going to fight to get all we can.
- I share your strong concerns about Representative Doolittle's bill. Congress needs to pass a simple one-year reauthorization, or provide funding without a new bill.
- ✓ As always, we are fighting hard to preserve the SCAAP money. It's one of my priorities.

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