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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 22, 1995

Mr. John M. Doe

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Organization

Business Adr1

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Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

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TO: Seth E. Masket

FROM: Nancy-Ann E. Min
 Office of Mgmt and Budget, HP

SUBJECT: your deets draft

on second thought, I would suggest that you say something like:
"As my FY 96 budget demonstrates, I am committed to protecting
Social Security and Medicare from being used to pay for tax
cuts." I also think you should be careful about how you word any
commitment to long-term care. You might say something like: " I
also want to work with the Congress on health care reform that
will help provide home and community-based long-term care for
seniors."

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Dear John:

Thank you for writing. ~~My Administration is committed to helping hard-working Americans raise their children and get the education and skills they need. We have proposed a Middle Class Bill of Rights that will cut taxes and expand opportunities for American families. Our proposal encourages investment in education and job training at every level -- so that people can build better lives. And we will help working families raise their children in the face of the stagnating income that has confronted many American families over the past 15 years. Specifically, we've focused on four areas:~~

- o Child Tax Credit: Families earning less than \$75,000 a year will receive a \$500 annual tax cut for every child under the age of 13.
- o Education and Job Training Tax Deduction: Families earning less than \$120,000 will be able to deduct from their taxable income the tuition they pay for postsecondary education, training, and retraining -- up to \$10,000 a year.
- o Expanded IRA: Families with incomes under \$100,000 a year will have the freedom to put up to \$2,000 tax-free into an IRA. They can then withdraw that money -- without penalty -- for education, the purchase of a first home, medical expenses or nursing home costs, or unemployment, in addition to saving tax-free for retirement.
- o ^{Skill Grants} A New G.I. Bill for American Workers: Laid-off or low-income workers will be able to receive a voucher of up to \$2,620 per year to get the education and job training they need. We will pay for the Skill Grants by consolidating some 70 federal programs.

The Middle Class Bill of Rights complements the action we've taken over the past two years to expand employment opportunities, improve education, combat crime, reinvent government, and encourage community development. We've also made tremendous progress for the American people by significantly cutting federal spending and reducing the deficit. Already, our deficit reduction efforts have taken off \$10,000 of debt for every family. In fact, it is our continuing success in curbing both government spending and the deficit that makes possible our proposed Middle Class Bill of Rights.

We must all work together to find ways to responsibly invest in our future. I appreciate your input, and I sincerely hope that you will be part of this endeavor.

Sincerely,



(2/14/95)

help them and their children

In our last two years, we have made great progress in getting our economic house in order, cutting the deficit for 3 straight years, for the first time since President Harry Truman opening up foreign markets for American expanding trade through GATT, helping create nearly 6 million jobs. But we need to do more to increase wages and living standards for hardworking Americans and to prepare our children for the new 21st century economy. That's why I

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Sincerely,

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Turn the welfare system into a second chance rather than a way of life and take the first crucial steps toward ~~providing~~ reforming ^{guaranteeing} the health care system so that ~~Americans can get decent, affordable coverage~~ health care for all Americans.

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February 17, 1995

To: John P.
Fr: George F.
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Dear Business Leadership Forum Member:

Thank you for participating in this year's Business Leadership Forum Issues Conference and Retreat. Vice President Gore and the other members of the Administration welcome this opportunity to talk with you about the issues facing our country, and to listen to your ideas and insights.

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the support that you have offered me through your membership in the Business Leadership Forum. As I said last month in the State of the Union Address, in our first two years in office we have accomplished many things we are proud of: our country is stronger; we have the lowest combined rate of unemployment and inflation in twenty-five years; and we've created almost six million new jobs. We have also brought the deficit down, expanded trade, and made our streets safer.

But there is much more that needs to be done as our country continues to adjust and adapt to the changing demands of the global marketplace. No one knows better than you why we must invest more in training and education in order to have the skilled workers we need to keep our country competitive in an information age economy. And as people who have engineered corporate downsizing, no one knows better than you how important our efforts at reinventing government are, from reassessing the impact of government regulations to reducing unnecessary paperwork.

The Business Leadership Forum has grown to become the principal organization for business leaders within the Democratic Party. I hope you have an enjoyable and productive weekend, and I look forward to working with you to make our country a better place for all Americans.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

~~Joseph~~

TODD

Jocelyn -- This sounds
like a letter from INS, not
the President.

Dear Representative 1:

Thank you for your letter concerning implementation of a computerized national registry as proposed by the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform.

My Administration is firmly committed to establishing an effective, nondiscriminatory means of verifying the employment of all new workers. We endorse the Commission's proposal creating pilot projects to test various techniques for improving workplace verification, including the proposed computerized database to validate new workers' Social Security numbers.

Soon after the Commission issued its report, the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Social Security Administration began reviewing technical issues involved in the proposed recommendations to improve worksite verification. One of the first aspects of this discussion was a review of data adequacy within our databases. Accordingly, we have initiated efforts to improve the accuracy and timeliness of the INS database and to adapt the SSA database for use in a verification pilot. We have also requested substantial resources in FY 1996 to facilitate further database improvements.

In addition to expanding the INS Telephone Verification System Pilot to 200 and subsequently to several hundred employers to test automated verification of work eligibility of noncitizens, we are working with the SSA on a series of pilot initiatives which will test the feasibility and desirability of other verification approaches recommended by the Commission. These pilots include a test and a two step process in which employers check the SSA database to verify the Social Security numbers of all persons hired, and the INS database to verify the employment eligibility of all noncitizens hired. We will also simulate various approaches for linking SSA and INS data to provide restricted, secure, accurate, and

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The Honorable 2~
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nondiscriminatory verification of work eligibility.

These pilot projects will provide critical information on the efficacy of a larger verification system. The test programs will be evaluated on the basis of their ability to reduce confusion, fraud, and discrimination in the hiring and verification process in addition to their effectiveness in protecting the privacy of all persons involved.

I appreciate your interest in this issue and look forward to working with you in the future on this and other vital issues.

Sincerely,

The Honorable 2~
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

TODD

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Dear Representative 1:

Thank you for your letter of March 22, 1995 regarding the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Export Enhancement Program (EEP) and sales of U.S. wheat.

I understand the concern of wheat farmers that the EEP be used aggressively. The Administration fully intends to continue to do so. The USDA reports that a greater volume of wheat has been sold under EEP at this point in the current fiscal year than for the same period a year ago; more than 10.8 million metric tons compared to 9.4 million tons. I am enclosing a copy of USDA's April 7, 1995 report on the volume and value of wheat sales facilitated by the EEP thus far in fiscal year 1995.

The USDA has continued to follow the longstanding policy of using the EEP to meet but not undercut competitors' prices. This policy is key to both preserving the overall effectiveness of the program and to protecting producers from precipitous declines in world prices which can occur as a result of reciprocal undercutting. Also in this regard, expenditures for wheat under EEP are down this year because ~~bonus levels are much lower than they were last year; that is, this year it has not been necessary to use large bonuses in order to meet competitors' prices.~~

Thank you for informing me of your views. I look forward to working with you on this and other important issues.

Sincerely,

The Honorable 2
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

TODD

DR

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter supporting our efforts to find long term solutions to softwood lumber trade issues with Canada.

On December 15, 1994, the United States and Canada established a bilateral consultative process on trade in softwood lumber and related forestry resource issues. The resultant discussions produced three workable goals: to create a better understanding between governments; to resolve the accompanying problems expeditiously; and to avoid any unnecessary litigation. These elements are based on a mutual awareness of potential benefits attainable through aligning forestry resource management with relevant market forces.

We have engaged a broad range of experts and interested parties in an effort to insure that a balanced discussion results. We are also mindful of the pressing nature of this important issue and are acting accordingly. I assure you that the United States is committed to the success of these consultations, and I am confident that Canada shares this objective.

I look forward to working closely with you to guarantee the success of our efforts.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Bob Packwood
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for forwarding the gun violence plan prepared by the California Police Chiefs Association. The Attorney General is currently reviewing the proposal.

My Administration is deeply committed to reducing gun violence in America. It is our belief that this goal can be attained through strong law enforcement combined with a variety of community outreach programs. Currently, the Attorney General is directing a nation-wide effort to incapacitate armed offenders and dismantle criminal gangs.

The passage and retention of criminal laws that remove violent firearms from our streets is an essential component of crime prevention. I pledge to you my full support in opposing any attempts to repeal the ban on assault weapons. I appreciate your tireless efforts to curb the proliferation of gun violence and intend to continue working with the Congress to make this nation safer for its citizenry. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Todd

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to say "nation-wide
effort to incapacitate
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how AG is trying to "dismantle"

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Chair

Dear Representative Tauzin:

Thank you for your letter regarding my remarks to the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Dallas, Texas. Your letter raises several questions based on a newspaper account of my statements about the House-passed "takings" bill. It appears that some of the questions in your letter arise from inaccurate press coverage of my remarks. In an effort to avoid further confusion, I am enclosing a copy of my comments. The discussion of the House takings bill appears at pages 15-16.

We are in agreement on the fundamental need to protect this nation's private property owners and to ensure that government does not create unwarranted impacts upon private property. I respect the balance between individual rights and community responsibilities provided by the courts in this area and am unwilling to agree to supplant it with a one-size fits all approach. As you know, I strongly disagree with the approach reflected in the House-passed takings bill and other similar compensation legislation. As written, these bills represent a marked departure from our constitutional traditions and our civic responsibilities.

As evidenced by my remarks, I did not suggest that the House bill applies to local zoning ordinances. I did emphasize, however, that many states have rejected similar compensation bills because they would render many local zoning controls prohibitively expensive. The point is not that the House bill would directly affect local zoning, but rather that pending compensation bills -- at any level of government -- are inherently flawed because they prevent necessary and time-honored protections for the public. While the House bill creates an exception from automatic compensation for activities inconsistent with local zoning laws, its underlying principles have the

Rep. Tauzin
Page Two

On another point, you suggest that the House legislation as passed is limited scope because it is aimed only at

potential to undermine zoning principles, if applied on the local level.

But that scope ~~encompasses~~ is already quite broad and

In response to another matter you raise, while the House ultimately passed legislation limited to ~~small~~ at the effect of government action regarding wetlands, endangered species, and western water rights, some versions of pending legislation are far more broader. Like you, I am concerned that the debate over these bills is being fed by misleading information. For example, I am informed that some proponents of these bills assert that any resistance to such legislation constitutes opposition to the Constitution. Some proponents also claim the bills simply protect existing constitutional rights to compensation. In fact, the bills go far beyond established constitutional standards and impose unprecedented, expanded compensation standards. Those expensive standards will not only undermine important public programs and values, but will impose massive new financial burdens on the American taxpayer. My Administration estimates that the takings legislation passed by the House may cost at least \$28 billion over five years.

Thank you again for your letter. I am absolutely committed to the protection of property rights, just as I am committed to the protection of human health, public safety, the environment, and other values important to the American people. My Administration has taken many steps to address the impact of regulation on property owners, with specific attention to homeowners, family farmers, and small businesses. I hope we can work together to find additional ways to provide real protection for property rights and other values cherished by the American people.

Sincerely,

The Honorable W.J. "Billy" Tauzin
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I have just completed reading a *Washington Post* report of your remarks before the American Society of Newspaper Editors meeting in Dallas. I particularly want to address the following paragraph: "The President said a plan that requires *governments* to compensate landowners for any changes in the value of their land caused by *government actions* could paralyze government, and make such long standing practices such as *local zoning impossible* (emphasis added)."

I hope the *Post* got it wrong! I want to be very clear on this matter. If an attempt is being made to prepare the nation for a veto of the private property rights bill, no matter what it really says, then I am prepared to do everything possible to get the "truth" out to the American people.

First: The bill that has already been passed by the House does not require "governments" to compensate anyone. It applies only to the federal government.

Second: The bill as passed does not require landowner compensation for any "changes" in the value of their land. It only applies when values are decreased by twenty percent or more. The Senate bill has a thirty-three percent requirement. (The final bill will likely have a figure higher than twenty percent.)

Third: The bill as passed does not cover all "government actions." It applies only to takings under the Endangered Species Act and wetlands preservation laws plus western water rights. All other alleged takings under other government acts and regulations are left, as current law, to adjudication in the U.S. Court of Claims.

Fourth: The bill as passed specifically exempts "local zoning laws." With such a clear statement of exemption, how could anyone tell you otherwise? Is someone deliberately trying to misinform you?

I trust that you will get to personally read this letter. I intend to ask you about it at our next meeting. I believe it is that important.

We may end up disagreeing on this issue. If we do, you will find yourself at odds with a huge and growing coalition of property owners who support my efforts, and also with the 72 House Democrats who voted for the bill. If it comes to that, so be it. But I will not allow others to bring you to that conclusion on the basis of bad information and/or outright misrepresentation about what the bill actually provides.

I will be happy to discuss this with you further at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

Billy Tauzin
W.J. "BILLY" TAUZIN
Member of Congress

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