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The Honorable J. James Exon
U. S. Senator
SH-330 Hart Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Exon:

I am pleased that you have requested an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the demise of the Franklin Credit Union here in Nebraska by the Senate Banking Committee. I am sure that the problems of the institution go far beyond the State of Nebraska. If we, here in Nebraska, can cooperate in any way with you, I look forward to doing so.

With every best wish, I remain. . .

Sincerely,

Loran Schmit
Loran Schmit
State Senator

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February 16, 1989

The Honorable Dale Bumpers
Chairman
Subcommittee on Public Lands, National
Parks and Forests
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Dale:

On January 31st I was joined by Senator Bob Kerrey in introducing S. 280, the Niobrara Scenic River Designation Act of 1989. This legislation would designate a 76 mile stretch of the Niobrara River as scenic under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. I am writing today to ask the Subcommittee on Public Lands, National Parks and Forests to schedule a hearing on this important legislation.

The Niobrara River is a national treasure that deserves the protection and attention that go along with scenic river designation. S. 280 enjoys the support of landowners representing a majority of land within the proposed boundaries. It has also been endorsed, in concept, by Nebraska Governor Kay Orr.

Protection of the Niobrara River is very important to me and I hope that arrangements can be made to hold a hearing on this legislation in the very near future. Please feel free to contact me or Phil Karsting of my staff (224-4224) if you have any further questions relating to the Niobrara Scenic River Designation Act of 1989.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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February 23, 1989

The Honorable Quentin N. Burdick
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Quentin:

I am writing to seek your assistance in a matter that is of great concern to me.

For some time now I have been closely following the Environmental Protection Agency's action in the Clean Water Act section 404 permitting process as it relates to the proposed Two Forks dam in Colorado. As you can see by the enclosed letters, I have been diligently seeking information from the EPA on this important topic. Most recently I challenged the EPA's assertion of attorney-client privilege in denying access to a Regional Counsel Memoranda relating to Two Forks. It is my understanding that, upon receipt of a request from the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Denver Region EPA officials are now prepared to share this analysis. I urge you, as Chairman of the Committee, to make such a request.

The proposed Two Forks project could have a number of adverse implications for the Nebraskans I represent and your help in providing this information will be most appreciated.

With best wishes.

Cordially,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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Dear Senator Exon:

I appreciated the recent letter you sent to the Nebraska Beef Board's attention concerning the expanding new beef export market for South Korea.

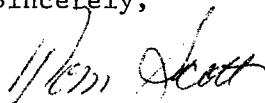
I am very encouraged by the announced export of Korean export quotas. I also want to include a thank-you from our past Chairman of the Board, Kendall Rice from Wilsonville, as well as a special thank-you from our current Chairman, Jim Applegate from Sutherland, for your strategic role this past year in helping to expand the South Korean market.

The Nebraska Beef Board is very involved with the US MEF and our two directors that are also directors of the US MEF are Jim Applegate and Don DeGroff of Atkinson. Of course the mission of US MEF is to continue to expand overseas markets for our meat industry, so this key involvement you had with the expansion of the South Korean market is of key interest to all of our directors and especially to Jim Applegate and Don DeGroff due to their involvement.

Again, our best regards and sincere thanks for your involvement concerning the expansion of the South Korean beef quotas.

If I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Tom Scott
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March 14, 1989

The Honorable Donald W. Riegler, Jr.
United States Senator
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Don:

As you know, the failure of the Franklin Community Credit Union in Omaha, Nebraska has presented several questions that need to be answered concerning the regulation of credit unions in general. In that regard, I thank you for your letter of January 31st. Please keep me informed regarding the progress of the investigation of the Banking Committee into this matter.

I have been closely following the actions of you and your committee regarding efforts to bail out the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. I applaud your efforts and urge that this problem be resolved as quickly as possible.

The introduction of S. 413, the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989, was a step in the right direction. I recognize that the bill is but one proposal in this area yet believe that it is safe to assume that much of that bill will make it into the final version to be passed by the Senate.

I am writing to express my hope that the final proposal will contain adequate provisions to strengthen our law enforcement capabilities needed to prevent fiascoes such as the Franklin Community Credit Union failure from recurring. Criminal fraud was one of the major reasons that Congress is now considering legislation costing billions of taxpayers' dollars. I know that you are familiar with the stories of the "high flying" thrift operators living lavish lifestyles. Nebraska's highest flier was apparently living off of a small credit union. While there may be some more egregious examples in the thrift industry, the fraudulent use of \$35 million dollars as was the case in Omaha is no small matter.

I am aware that S. 413 contains provisions to strengthen the civil and criminal penalties for financially-related crimes. Subtitle C of Title IX of the bill increases the civil penalties for anyone who acts in reckless disregard of the safety and soundness of a credit union. The penalties for other actions such as submitting a false or misleading report are also increased.

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The Honorable Donald Riegle
March 14, 1989
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While a cursory look at the enhancement of civil fines and penalties leads me to the conclusion that the bill does increase equally the penalties when credit unions are involved, a similar look at the sections of the bill that enhance criminal penalties does not reach the same conclusion. These provisions provide that that anyone who misleads the FDIC in obtaining deposit insurance will be subject of up to a \$1,000,000 fine and of up to a 20-year jail sentence. It is not apparent that similar changes have been made regarding anyone who fraudulently obtains insurance from the National Credit Union Administration.

In my view, the fraudulent use of funds by an officer of a financial institution should be met with quick and severe punishment. It makes no difference to me if the financial institution was a bank, a thrift, or a credit union. All are backed with insurance funds that are, in turn, ultimately backed by the American taxpayers.

S. 413 is a lengthy and complicated proposal. As such, I am both making a suggestion and asking for clarification. If the bill does adequately and equally increase both civil and criminal penalties for credit union related conduct, then I intend to support those provisions of the bill. If the bill does not equally make those changes, as I suspect, then I suggest that it be reviewed and that changes be made to do so.

Once again, I applaud your leadership in bringing a proposal regarding the FSLIC situation to the full Senate. I would appreciate a written response to the concerns that I have expressed in this letter as I believe the bill will be strengthened if my concerns are met.

Sincerely,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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The Honorable J. James Exon
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Re: Niobrara River--Scenic Designation

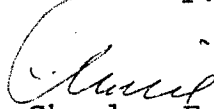
Dear Jim:

I was unable to attend the meeting in Lincoln where you discussed your support of designating a certain portion of the Niobrara River as a wild and scenic river. I wholly support your actions in this regard and stand ready to assist you in any way possible.

I also appreciate your stand on the NRA and its refusal to take a reasonable position on the manufacture, importation, sale, or possession of fully automatic weapons. Certainly the governments should be entitled to impose certain restrictions on these weapons, whose only purpose is to kill people.

You are doing a great job in representing us in Nebraska, and we appreciate all your good help.

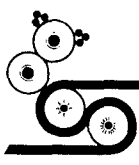
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Senator J. James Exon
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Dear Senator Exon:

Many thanks to you and Doris Petersen for taking the time to respond to my recent letter. The program in question arrived "next day air" following your efforts. It's nice to finally get what I ordered but even nicer to know that responsiveness still exists in the offices of our representatives in Washington. Sometimes many of us "back home" forget that.

Thanks again and I wish you continued success in the Senate.

Sincerely,

James M. Williams
James M. Williams
Publisher

P.S. You may be interested to know that of the 4 Washington offices I contacted, yours was the only one to respond.

April 7, 1989

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

Dear Mr. President:

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Reilly's decision to initiate veto proceedings for the proposed Two Forks project under section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act is very commendable. I do not underestimate the influence of Denver area water development proponents and realize that such a move required a good deal of political courage.

Throughout the course of its development I have raised objections time and time again about the Two Forks permit. In May, 1988 I called for a report on allegations that United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) personnel may have compromised environmental studies by approving a "no jeopardy" opinion before necessary biological studies were finished. In April, 1988 I submitted testimony opposing the permit. In December I requested and eventually received EPA analysis stating that this project was not permissible.

I am also concerned about the objectivity of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers studies relating to Two Forks. A number of technical people working to identify impacts and recommend mitigation were removed from the study at critical times and their expertise was not brought to bear on the process. This strongly suggests that water quality, fishery, and channel stability studies were compromised during the permitting process.

All of this information points to the fact that Mr. Reilly's decision to initiate the veto process was a sound one. I urge your continued support of Mr. Reilly's decision.

With best wishes.

Respectfully,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

April 7, 1989

Mr. William Reilly
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

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All of this information points to the fact that your decision to initiate the veto process was a sound one. I urge you to hold firm in that decision and deny a permit for the Two Forks project.

With best wishes.

Cordially,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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April 10, 1989

ROBERT M. SPIRE
Attorney General

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Honorable J. James Exon
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Dear Senator Exon:

I have the honor and privilege of hosting the Spring meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General Agriculture and Rural Legal Affairs Committee. The meeting will discuss and explore relevant issues of agriculture that relate to the responsibilities of the Attorneys General throughout the United States.

This meeting has been well attended in past years by Attorneys General and members of their staffs. I anticipate a good attendance when Nebraska hosts the meeting on April 27, 28, and 29 of this year. The meeting will be held at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska.

We now are defining the topics of discussion for the Spring meeting. With that in mind, I am extending to you an invitation to attend all or parts of this meeting. If you would be willing to do so, we will make available some time for you to make some comments to the meeting. The best time for you to speak to the meeting would be anytime at your convenience on Friday, April 28, or Saturday morning, April 29.

With agriculture being an important issue of the National Association of Attorneys General, Nebraska, and this region, I am certain that the attorneys present would benefit from your insight on topical agricultural issues.

Please let me know if you will be in Lincoln and available to be my guest at the Spring meeting. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

ROBERT M. SPIRE
Attorney General

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My warmest personal regards to you, Jim

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April 10, 1989

The Honorable Jim Sasser
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Jim:

I write to express my serious concern regarding the level of funding for veterans programs (function 700) recommended by President Bush.

The President's recommendation fails to meet the minimum level of service and security which our nation owes to its veterans. Our nation must keep faith with the men and women who have given their unselfish service. The United States must adequately prepare to meet the growing needs of its aging World War II and Korean Era veterans.

I recommend that at least \$600 million be added to the veterans budget. I suggest that \$300 million be taken from the national defense function and \$300 million be taken from the international affairs function of the President's budget and transferred to the veterans function.

I look forward to working with you to find adequate funding for our nation's veterans. I ask that you consider this proposal as you formulate a Chairman's mark for the Budget Committee's consideration. If necessary, I am prepared to offer an amendment in the Committee or on the floor of the Senate to increase the veterans budget.

Best wishes.

Cordially,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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April 13, 1989

Mr. Robert W. Page
Assistant Secretary of the
Army (Civil Works)
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear Mr. Page:

I am writing to invite you to visit Nebraska for an on-site visit of the former Army Ordnance Plant at Mead, Nebraska. The Mead facility, as you know, has been found to be the source of groundwater contamination.

When the Mead situation first came to my attention, it was characterized by the Corps of Engineers as a localized problem. Unfortunately, subsequent tests proved that the contamination has moved beyond the boundaries of the former Army facility. Although a briefing I received today from Colonel John Atkinson of the Corps' Kansas City office suggests that progress has been made in defining the extent of the contamination, I believe our problems are far from over. Major issues relating to liability and clean-up procedures have yet to be resolved.

I remember well the drawn out analysis and clean-up procedures that Grand Island area residents went through when contamination was discovered at the Cornhusker Army Munitions Depot. I certainly do not want to see that scenario develop again in Mead.

As a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee I strongly urge you to make such a visit so that we can review firsthand the Mead situation.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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Sam Nunn

United States Senator
Washington, D.C. 20510

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April 17, 1989

Dear Jim:

Thank you for sending the World-Herald poll which showed that Nebraskans were opposed to the Tower confirmation by 2-1.

It was interesting that while the margins were higher among women, men were also opposed, and that even a majority of Republicans agreed with the Senate position. Although you and I do not vote on the basis of polls, it is good to know that a large majority of Nebraskans agreed with our actions. I believe now that Dick Cheney has been confirmed we can put this controversy behind us and get down to the serious issues of defense policy in a period of tight budgets.

I appreciated your help and support through that difficult period.

Jim, you are a terrific leader on the committee and I value your advise and friendship.

Sincerely,



Sam Nunn

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April 20, 1989

The Honorable Robert A. Mosbacher
Secretary
Department of Commerce
14th Street between Const. Avenue & E St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Mosbacher:

I understand that the Department of Commerce is considering its strategy to implement the provisions of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act provisions relating to the Office of Barter and the Interagency group on Countertrade.

As you may know, I authored the Senate's Barter Office provision. My concern was that the United States was significantly falling behind our international competitors in this type of trade. Barter and countertrade offers the United States an opportunity to open new markets for American goods and services, especially where hard currency is in short supply. The Commerce Department, with its network of specialists around the world, is well suited to advise and assist American businesses on barter opportunities. Barter also offers an opportunity for the United States government to reduce the cash costs of its foreign operations.

The barter and countertrade provisions of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act recognize that the United States must aggressively move to become competitive in the international barter arena. There is a serious need for a pragmatic approach to expand trade through civilian barter and countertrade. These provisions offer the United States a chance to turn its past dogmatic opposition to barter and countertrade into an opportunity to expand trade and create new markets for American products.

In reviewing the legislative history of the barter and countertrade provisions of the Trade Bill, you will note that the Conference Committee deleted those provisions which were overtly hostile to this type of trade. As you consider the mission of the Barter Office and Interagency Committee, I trust that you will keep in mind the desire of the U.S. Congress that barter and countertrade be used to expand U.S. export opportunities.

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Secretary Mosbacher
April 20, 1989
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There has been growing public interest in the barter and counter issue. I will soon be asking Senator Hollings, the Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, to schedule hearings on this important matter. I am available to assist you in anyway to successfully implement the Commerce Department's barter and countertrade responsibilities.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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April 26, 1989

The Honorable Clayton Yeutter
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
12th and 14th and Independence, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Clayton:

As you know, I have long supported the efforts of America's pork producers to take action against subsidized pork imports from Canada. The Canadian federal and provincial governments subsidize pork producers and processors. This creates unfair and destructive competition with the U.S. pork industry.

The National Pork Producers Council is seeking a damage finding regarding fresh, chilled and frozen pork imports from Canada. As you know a countervailing duty was placed on live hogs in 1985. In response, Canada increased its exports of fresh and chilled pork to the U.S. and further subsidized processing operations on the U.S./Canadian Border.

I recommend swift and full implementation of the recommended duties on Canadian pork products. Any delay will only further injure the U.S. pork industry. Our trade relationship with Canada should be based fair as well as free trade.

I also direct your attention to increases in live hog imports from Canada. In 1988, live hog imports grew from 446,000 in 1987 to over 835,000. The January 1989, live Canadian hog import count of 163,000 head is cause for serious concern. This new development also deserves immediate attention. Current duties may not be adequate. I also recommend an immediate investigation into increasing live hog imports. If current duties do not offset existing Canadian subsidies, these duties should be increased.

Your consideration and attention to these serious matters affecting the America Pork Industry would be most appreciated.

With best wishes.

Cordially,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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April 27, 1989

Mr. Allan S. Mickelson, Chairman
Urban Forestry Committee
National Association of State Foresters
444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 526
Washington, D. C. 20001

Dear Al:

I am pleased that the National Association of State Foresters Urban Forestry Committee is meeting in conjunction with The National Arbor Day Foundation's Arbor Day Weekend. I have had the pleasure of being a part of the Foundation since its inception, and I know the key role which state foresters have played in making Tree City USA such a success. John Rosenow was kind enough to invite me to meet with you during your stay in Nebraska City. Unfortunately, prior commitments prevent me from doing so. But I did want to extend my thanks via this letter for the fine cooperation which the state foresters have provided to the Arbor Day Foundation through the years, and to welcome you to Nebraska.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask for your organization's support for a Congressional appropriation for the National Arbor Day Center. I understand that John will be briefing your committee on the project during your meeting. I want to emphasize how very valuable your support of the project will be to me in working with my colleagues in the Senate as we seek to appropriate the needed matching funds.

The National Arbor Day Foundation will work closely with forestry and conservation organizations throughout the nation in designing the programs of the Foundation's Institute and the National Arbor Day Center. I hope that the National Association of State Foresters will assume a very strong ongoing role. We want to be sure that the Institute and the Center are working aggressively to meet the needs of state foresters throughout the nation.

Thank you again for all of the good work of the state foresters on behalf of Tree City USA. I look forward to cooperating with you in the very important National Arbor Day Center project.

Sincerely,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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Senator J. James Exon
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Dear Jim:

Thank you for your cosponsorship of the amendment to the savings and loan bill limiting the use of brokered deposits by financially troubled institutions. Without your support, the abuses associated with the excessive use of brokered deposits by these institutions would have gone unchecked.

I believe that the compromise we developed prudently balances the need to protect this nation's deposit insurance system with the often legitimate use of brokered deposits. Furthermore, this amendment provides the FDIC the flexibility needed to deal with financially troubled institutions on a case-by-case basis.

Thank you once again for your support.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Murkowski
United States Senator

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May 2, 1989

Dear Jim,

It was nice seeing you the other night at the J.J. Dinner in Omaha. As usual, you were surrounded by well-wishers.

You may be aware that I have pursued legislation in Nebraska allowing citizens the opportunity to vote (we call it community consent) on the siting process for low-level radioactive waste. At this time, I have not had success, but I'll try again to amend the bill on select file. You probably can guess that the current administration is quite opposed to the "local vote" amendment.

The purpose of this letter is to follow-up on a conversation that I had with Mrs. Frances Ohmstede from Guide Rock, Nebraska at the J.J. Dinner. She is concerned that there has been deemed a necessity for fourteen of these nuke waste sites across the nation. I share that concern. My question (and Mrs. Ohmstede's) is can we not accomplish our purpose of disposal with two or possibly three sites nationwide? And to expand on the question, what can be done legislative-wise on the national scene to do this and to undo the current process in which we seem to be so entangled?

I'm sure you have kept abreast of the turmoil and unrest in Boyd County and also in Nuckolls and Nemaha Counties. The citizens of these counties are extremely upset. They do feel their state government has abandoned them. They feel betrayed. If you have some thoughts for me, I would appreciate hearing them. I feel an obligation to these folks to help them through this extremely difficult time.

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- Health and Human Services
- Committee on Committees
- Legislative Council
- Education Commission of the States

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Letter to Senator Exon
May 2, 1989
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I enjoyed your message at the J.J. Dinner. Also that of Senator Ford. Gloria and I did not stay for any of the activities after the dinner because we had to come back to Lincoln and prepare for the Arbor Day celebration on Sunday at Nebraska City.

Thanks for any help you can provide on this nuclear waste siting issue.

Sincerely,



M.L. Dierks
State Senator

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cc: Mrs. Frances Ohmstede

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May 8, 1989

The Honorable J. James Exon
United States Senate
330 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Exon:

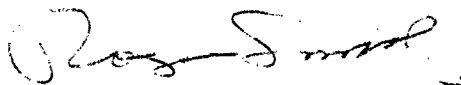
It was a pleasure to meet with you the other day. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss some of the issues that are of great concern to us.

As I mentioned, we are pleased to take the lead in alternative fuels. Our recommendation of oxygenated fuels is, as I said, based on the knowledge that this can be a sound step forward.

I appreciate your consideration of our concerns about more stringent regulations in fuel efficiency and the environment. We have made great strides forward in these areas and will continue to make improvements. We hope, however, that the government will not lay on a program that we are not capable of meeting while maintaining our competitiveness and the contribution our industry makes to good jobs and a sound economy.

Thanks again. It was good to see you.

Sincerely,

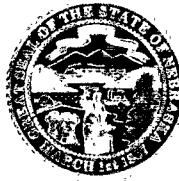


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ROBERT M. SPIRE
Attorney General

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May 15, 1989

Honorable J. James Exon
United States Senate
330 Senate Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Exon:

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter to Sam Cooper and me. I also appreciated the chance to visit with you during the Lincoln Law Day Program.

I appreciate your thoughts, and the materials you sent to us about the petition matters back in 1964 are most pertinent and informative. I also appreciate your comment about the paying of solicitors of signatures. I strongly believe that paying solicitors creates a situation where those with the most resources can buy the process. This, it seems to me, is clearly a corruption of the process.

Many thanks, Jim, for writing to us and sending us these materials. Thank you also for your fine Law Day address in Lincoln. All of us so appreciated your being with us.

My warmest personal regards to you.

Sincerely,

Bob

ROBERT M. SPIRE
Attorney General

cc: Mr. Sam Cooper

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May 23, 1989

Senator J. James Exon
330 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Nebraska Economic Development Corporation
FmHA/IRP Application Status Report

Dear Senator Exon:

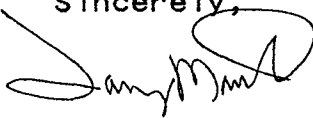
On May 8, 1989, our office received notification from the State Farmers Home Administration that NEDCO's request for obligation of \$2 million in financing under the Intermediary Relending Program has been approved.

Currently, FmHA legal counsel is reviewing NEDCO's bylaws and corporate charter to determine the organization's eligibility as an intermediary borrower under the program's guidelines. We feel quite confident that NEDCO will meet the program requirements and have begun processing the initial loans for delivery to FmHA immediately following completion of the legal review.

On behalf of the NEDCO Board, I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation for your assistance during the application process. We firmly believe your office's efforts in Washington meant the difference between receiving our full request and receiving a lesser award -- or possibly, no award.

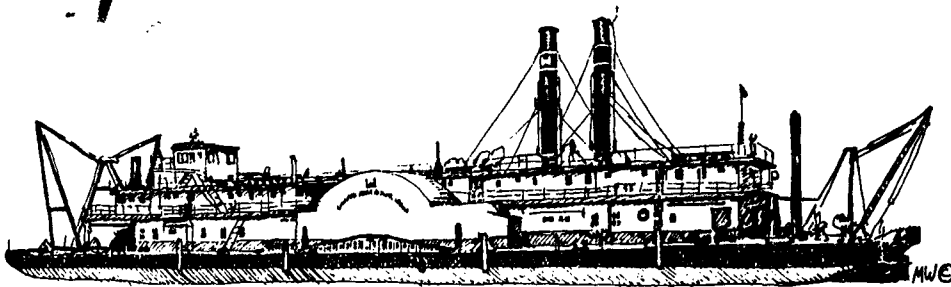
Again, thank you for your assistance. We will keep your office informed of future developments as we progress with implementing the program.

Sincerely,



Larry Marik,
President

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CAPTAIN MERIWETHER LEWIS

May 23, 1989

Museum of Missouri River History in Historic Brownville, Nebraska

Senator J. James Exon
330 Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Exon:

Please allow me, on behalf of the Board of directors of the Meriwether Lewis Foundation, to express my sincere appreciation to you.

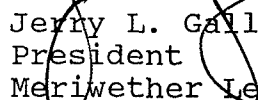
The U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service has officially designated the Captain Meriwether Lewis as a National Historic Landmark. We are delighted with the designation, as it puts us in very elite company -- there are fewer than 2,000 Landmarks across the entire nation!

Your help in promoting this designation had a direct role in the success of this effort. I know I speak for our entire 15-member board when I say how sincerely grateful we all are. We could NOT have done this without you.

We pledge to continue to work to keep this unique vessel in operation for the betterment of the entire region. the Captain Meriwether Lewis will continue to serve us, as it has since it was launched nearly 60 years ago.

Again, our most heartfelt thanks for your diligence and assistance!

Best regards,


Jerry L. Gallentine
President
Meriwether Lewis Foundation

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UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

BROCK ADAMS
WASHINGTON

May 30, 1989

The Honorable J. James Exon
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Jim:

As you know, Senator Warren Magnuson died on May 20th and funeral services were held in Seattle last week.

I am planning to ask for a period of "morning business" on Tuesday, June 6th in order to offer eulogies for Senator Magnuson. If you would like to make remarks on the floor, please inform the floor staff of the time you will need. If you wish remarks entered into the Record, please let me know. We plan to put together a compilation of remarks to give to Jermaine Magnuson.

With best regards,

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*Bob was my
friend Jim -
I miss him!*

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Dear Senator Exon,

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The Two Forks Dam in Colorado would have been a disaster for the Platte River in Nebraska. It would have dried the river up all together in some places causing many problems for life in rural Nebraska.

But mainly because of work that you did, it was stopped. This was one of the best things that has been done for Nebraska for a long time. It took courage to stand up for Nebraska and fight this, but you were the right man for the job.

I would just like to thank you for the fine job you have done with this situation. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,


Jason Westman

J. Westman
2917 Irene St.
Omaha, Ne 68147

June 5, 1989

The Honorable Brock Adams
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Brock:

Enclosed please find my statement to be inserted into the Record paying tribute to our friend, Warren Magnuson. I will not be able to present this statement during morning business tomorrow, June 6, 1989, but would appreciate it if you would insert this speech for me.

Brock, he was a good man and I, too, will miss him.

Cordially,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

Enclosure

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Floor Statement by
Senator Jim Exon (D-Nebr)
Tribute to Senator Warren Grant Magnuson
June 6, 1989

Mr. President, when I joined the Senate in 1979 I was appointed to the Commerce Committee which was chaired by Senator Warren Grant Magnuson, a position he held for 23 years. His mark was and is on that committee. Many of the rights and privileges that we have today bear the imprint of this great man, his understanding, his skill and his leadership.

Warren Grant Magnuson's contributions to this country are great. He introduced legislation to found the National Cancer Institute at a time when cancer was an unmentionable disease much as AIDS is today.

Upon reading stories of children being burned to death when their pajamas caught fire, Senator Magnuson introduced and achieved enactment of legislation mandating that all children's nightwear be made of nonflammable fabrics.

He originated the Public Accommodations Act of 1964 which was a precursor to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. And he was largely responsible for the legislation extending our offshore fishing rights to 200 miles.

Mr. President, these are just a few of his accomplishments. There are so many more. Warren Magnuson's vision touched all of our lives and, while I had the privilege of working with him for just a few short years, it was a great privilege. His passing is a fitting occasion to remind all Americans that one person can make a difference. Indeed, his accomplishments are proof that one person can make a very great difference in this world.

Senator Magnuson will be missed by those of us fortunate enough to have known him and worked under his leadership. While many may not have known him and some may never have heard of him, generations to come will benefit from his vision, his legislative skill and his achievements.

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ROBERT J. AARONSON
PRESIDENT

June 14, 1989

Honorable J. James Exon
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Exon:

The nation's airlines thank you for your expression of interest in the fiscal year 1989 funding problems faced by the National Weather Service (NWS). At least partially due to your intervention, this problem was recently resolved. As you know, the budget shortfall at the NWS had forced cutbacks in the hours of operations at several weather stations around the country. The part-time closure of the weather stations resulted in curtailments of airline service at those locations, and we worked with your office to correct this unfortunate situation.

The Air Transport Association and a coalition of aviation organizations sent several letters to the Congress, the Commerce Department and the Administration, urging the reconsideration of the decision to close weather stations, stressing the dependence of the safe daily operation of the nation's air transportation system on current weather information.

Recently, we received written confirmation from the Secretary of Commerce, Robert A. Mosbacher, that the department will not close or reduce operations at NWS offices in fiscal year 1989 or 1990. A copy of the letter is enclosed for your information. With your help and support, the Commerce Secretary was persuaded of the importance of the weather stations remaining open, and even agreed to reopen those stations that had previously been closed part-time.

We want to thank you again for your demonstration of support for this important issue. If there are any changes in this commitment, we will advise your office immediately.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Aaronson

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 15, 1989

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The Honorable J. James Exon
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Jim:

Great news!

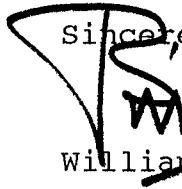
Yesterday, the House Ways and Means Committee's Social Security Subcommittee was marking up the Fiscal Year 1990 reconciliation measure and adopted an amendment urged by Rep. Andy Jacobs (D-Ind.) and Rep. Hank Brown (R-Colo.) to raise the Social Security earnings test. Though the earnings test increases adopted by the subcommittee were relatively modest -- \$250 in each of the next two years -- yesterday's development has set the stage for the Senate to act once again to address this compelling issue of fairness for America's working elderly.

I intend to bring a substantial earnings test increase amendment before the Senate in the near future and thought you'd like to know.

I remember and am grateful for your strong support in April when the Senate first backed an earnings test hike by a vote of 86 to 11, and again last month when we made room for it in the FY 1990 budget by a unanimous vote. So I knew these developments would be of great interest to you. I will keep you informed.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



William L. Armstrong

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 27, 1989

The Honorable James Exon
Chairman, Strategic Forces
& Nuclear Deterrence Subcommittee
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The recent allegations made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning environmental mismanagement at the Department of Energy's Rocky Flats Plant highlight the enormous challenge we face in environmental safety and clean-up in the Nation's nuclear weapons complex. I am deeply concerned about the mismatch between the magnitude of this problem and the resources being made available to deal with it.

The Bush Administration requested \$1.301 billion for the Defense Waste and Environmental Restoration program in its amended budget submission to Congress. As the testimony and statements of many non-governmental organizations and state authorities have made clear, additional monies are clearly needed at Rocky Flats and elsewhere to clean up environmental hazards which threaten public health. The House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee has already included \$335 million additional monies for the Defense Waste and Environmental Restoration program in its bill.

By acting more aggressively now to define the scope of the environmental problems we face in the nuclear weapons complex and to contain further damage, we can save the federal government even larger expenditures in the future. Quite aside from this budgetary concern, of course, is the federal government's clear responsibility to safeguard public health. Protecting the public health and rebuilding public confidence in the federal government's ability to operate the nuclear weapons complex in a safe and responsible manner must be a priority.

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In order to meet the federal government's responsibilities, increased funding will be needed to implement a recent Department of Energy (DOE) agreement with the State of Colorado for comprehensive environmental monitoring at the Rocky Flats facility. I also believe that concerns about water contamination at Rocky Flats justify federal funding support for local and municipal government efforts to test and monitor public water supplies which may be impacted by activities at the plant.

As the Senate Armed Services Committee begins marking-up the FY90/91 Department of Defense Authorization Bill, I hope that you will support significantly increased funding in the Defense Waste and Environmental Restoration program.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'T' and 'W' with a dot above the 'W'.

Timothy E. Wirth

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 6, 1989

The Honorable J. James Exon
Chairman, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces
and Nuclear Deterrence
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As the Armed Services Committee prepares to mark up the FY'90 Defense Authorization bills, I would like to request your assistance on several issues related to Washington State that are within the Subcommittee's jurisdiction.

The safe management of high-level wastes and the clean up of both hazardous and radioactive wastes generated from defense production activities at the Department of Energy's (DOE) Hanford Reservation continues to be of the highest priority for Washington State. I applaud you for your efforts to correct DOE's environmental and safety problems and for your proposal to require DOE to engage in a systematic planning process to address it's multi-billion dollar clean-up liability.

I do, however, want to express my concern that the imposition of new procedures at DOE may delay the implementation of an intergovernmental agreement concerning environmental problems at Hanford reached after almost two years of negotiations. The "Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order" was signed on May 12, 1989 by the State of Washington, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and DOE and contains a detailed 300-page work plan and interagency protocols for bringing the Hanford Reservation into compliance with federal hazardous waste and clean-up requirements. (I have enclosed a copy of the final agreement for the Committee's reference.)

The Hanford Agreement represents the most comprehensive clean-up program prepared for any DOE defense production site. It was reached without litigation. It has been reviewed by the Justice Department which has verified the suitability and

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The Honorable J. James Exon
July 6, 1989
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legality of its enforcement provisions. Although the Hanford Agreement was concluded after all of the FY'90 budgets were submitted to Congress, the parties to the Agreement believe that its basic objectives can be met within the FY'90 Bush Administration request.

I respectfully request that in its FY'90 authorization of DOE defense programs the Committee include report language to specifically acknowledge the existence of site-specific agreements, including Hanford Agreement, and stipulate that it is the Committee's intention that the DOE fully meet its obligations under these agreements notwithstanding the imposition of new planning requirements.

Although the Committee does not traditionally earmark additional defense waste or environmental restoration funding for specific facilities, I do want to inform the Committee that there are waste management needs that were not adequately addressed in the Bush Administration budget. Although DOE acknowledges that 66 of the 149 single-shell high-level waste tanks are suspected of leaking hundreds of thousands of gallons of waste, the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) is completing a report for me that raises several new problems concerning inadequacies in DOE's monitoring and waste management procedures that will require additional action not now budgeted by DOE. Although the GAO report is not expected to be final until mid-July, I will request that the GAO brief you or your staff at your convenience.

I believe that an additional \$25.0 million is needed in the DOE's defense waste and environmental restoration budget to fund additional FY'90 activities related to characterization and management of the single-shell high-level waste tanks at Hanford and for other activities. (Attached is a table that itemizes these requirements.)

The Committee is reviewing the DOE's plans for the construction of new materials production facilities including new tritium production reactors. I want to reiterate my opposition to the conversion of Washington Public Power Supply System Unit 1 for this purpose. I believe that the conversion of a civilian nuclear reactor to a defense facility is entirely inconsistent with the longstanding separation of defense and civilian nuclear programs which has been the cornerstone of U.S. non-proliferation policy. Similarly, I am opposed to the

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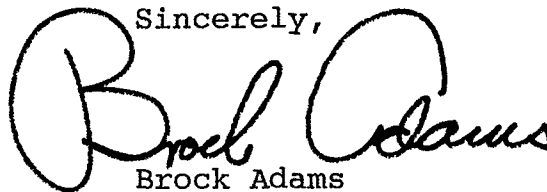
The Honorable J. James Exon
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funding of tritium target development for light water reactors under the New Production Reactor Program; currently at \$4.9 million for FY'90.

While it is likely that the first increment of new tritium production capacity will utilize reactor-based technology, I believe that the DOE has not given adequate consideration to non-reactor technologies, such as linear accelerators, to provide the diversity and redundancy of production capability that it argues are necessary. Accelerators offer far fewer safety, environmental and waste disposal problems than reactors.

The GAO is presently completing work on a request by Representative Sid Morrison and myself to review the feasibility of linear accelerators as an alternate technology. I have requested that the GAO brief you or your staff on their findings at your convenience and I urge the Committee to direct DOE to proceed with the examination of non-reactor technologies as part of the DOE's efforts to provide redundant production capability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brock Adams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Brock Adams
United States Senator

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MORGAN



P. J. Morgan

July 21, 1989

The Honorable J. James Exon
United States Senator
Senate Hart Building 330
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear ~~Senator~~ Exon:

Jim

The City of Omaha is moving forward with the construction of Phase I of the development at Dam Site 18. At this time, we are asking for your assistance in moving forward with the naming of Dam Site 18 for the late Senator Edward Zorinsky.

As you know, Senator Zorinsky contributed immeasurably to the betterment of Omaha as well as the State of Nebraska. We hope you will continue to support our efforts to name Dam Site 18 after the late Senator Zorinsky and work with speed to send it through Congress.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance regarding this important project.

Sincerely,

P. J. Morgan
P. J. Morgan, Mayor
City of Omaha

Stankey

Joseph L. Friend
Joseph Friend, President
Omaha City Council

Richard Takechi
Richard Takechi, Vice President
Omaha City Council

Steve Exon
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July 25, 1989

Honorable J. James Exon
United States Senator
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Jim:

My schedule is at last beginning to slow down a little so that I can catch up on my correspondence.

First, I want to thank you for your kind words in your letter which was presented to me at my retirement party a few weeks ago. I really appreciated your thoughts and the fact that you had taken the time to write.

Second, I want to also thank you for all of the support that you have provided to the City of Scottsbluff and to me personally on the many issues involving the City and the the Federal Government. You certainly facilitated a number of issues for us. I want to also express to you my appreciation for having provided me the opportunity to continue to serve on the Nebraska Crime Commission as well as to serve on the Nebraska Library Commission during your time as Governor. They were interesting, enjoyable and stimulating experiences for me.

Finally, I want to also express to you my appreciation, as a citizen and as a city official, for the excellent representation you have provided the State of Nebraska as Senator and as Governor. You have successfully balanced effective action on the legislative side with the personal service and assistance which are so important to all citizens but especially important to citizens in a dispersed State such as Nebraska.

Thanks, again, for all your assistance. If I can be of any assistance in my new role with the University of Nebraska at Omaha, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank U. Koehler".

Frank U. Koehler
City Manager

FK/vb

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Charles M. Harper
Chairman of the Board
Chief Executive Officer

July 28, 1989

The Honorable J. J. Exon
3300 Hart Senate Office
Washington D. C. 20510-2702

Dear Jim,

I just want to tell you what a fantastic job that some of your supporters back here in Nebraska think that you are doing in regard to the B-2 bomber. Your careful consideration of the facts, your resulting conclusions and your vigorous support have really made myself and others proud.

Anything that we can do to help, just give a call.

The Very Best,



J. ROBERT KERREY
NEBRASKA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 31, 1989

The Honorable Peter Hoagland
1415 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

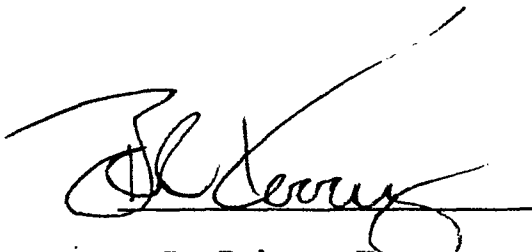
Dear Peter:

We are writing to advise you that an amendment was added to the Senate version of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill for Fiscal 1990, designating Dam Site 18 as the Ed Zorinsky Lake and Recreation Area.

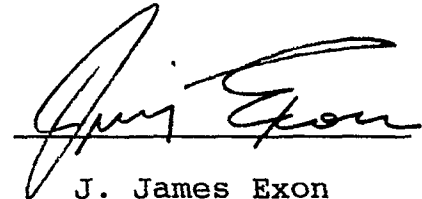
In order to have the amendment added on the Senate side, we obtained clearance from the authorizing committee, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. We hope that this amendment will be retained in conference and we request your assistance in obtaining the necessary clearances and support in the House.

Thank you for your help on this matter.

Sincerely,



J. Robert Kerrey



J. James Exon

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

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PETER HOAGLAND
SECOND DISTRICT
NEBRASKA

August 8, 1989

Senator J. James Exon
330 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C. 20510

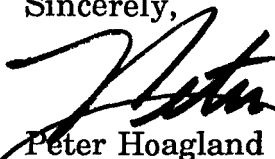
Dear Senator Exon:

Thank you for your recent letter in support of naming
Dam site 18 after the late Senator Ed Zorinsky.

I am proud to join in that effort.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,


Peter Hoagland

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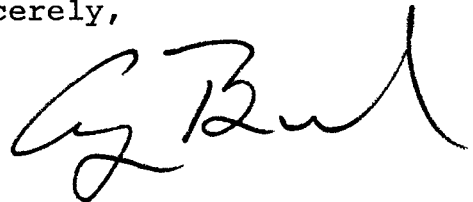
August 4, 1989

Dear Jim:

Barbara and I hope you have the happiest of birthdays. You're in our thoughts on this joyous occasion and have our good wishes for a wonderful year ahead. The entire Bush family adds its warm congratulations.

With best regards and many happy returns,

Sincerely,



The Honorable J. James Exon
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

VIRGINIA SMITH
3RD DISTRICT, NEBRASKA

August 3, 1989

The Honorable J. James Exon
United States Senate
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Jim:

I was taken completely by surprise with your announcement Tuesday at the Nebraska breakfast that you and Senator Kerrey were introducing legislation to rename the Calamus Dam and Reservoir after me! What a wonderful honor that would be.

I am extremely appreciative and grateful. And I am delighted that I have been provided an opportunity while serving on the House Appropriations Committee to work with individuals involved in this North Loup project that will be a tremendous boost to Nebraska for countless years to come.

Jim, your personal attention and cooperation on the Senate side in working on the North Loup project is greatly appreciated. Thank you, thank you!

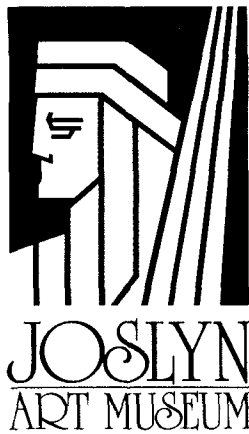
With best wishes , I am

Sincerely,

VIRGINIA SMITH
Member of Congress

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August 16, 1989

Senator J. James Exon
330 Senate Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Exon:

I am delighted to say that Joslyn Art Museum has received a grant of \$25,000, for conservation purposes, from the Institute of Museum Services. The grant -- the maximum possible in its category -- will support some of the costs of modifications to our galleries to improve environmental conditions for the art.

My colleagues at Joslyn tell me that they benefitted greatly from the day-long workshop for Nebraska institutions organized by the IMS at your office's instigation. We feel certain that the quality of our application was measurably enhanced by the experience and we greatly appreciate the additional support you gave our application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graham W. J. Beal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Graham W. J. Beal
Director

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August 23, 1989

Senator James Exon
330 Hart Senate Office Bld.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Exon:

I am writing to thank you for the help you have given us in obtaining an EPA registration for our SCI®-62 product. I feel that your influential contacts with the EPA certainly helped to speed up the process.

We now have our EPA registration number, and the label revisions have all been taken care of. This means a great deal to our company at this time. It allows us to really get started, and hopefully do some great things for Nebraska and the whole country as well.

Thanks again for taking time to help us when we needed it most. Keep up the good work in Washington. It is nice to have someone there who is responsive to the needs of the home folks. We invite you to stop and visit us if you are ever out close to Holdrege.

Sincerely,

John Teter
Director of Research & Development

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August 24, 1989

Senator Jerry Chizek
Chairman of the Judiciary Committee
State Capitol
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

Dear Jerry:

I applaud the efforts of you and your committee in looking for ways to combat the problem of illegal drug use in Nebraska. Recent articles concerning the increased presence of drug related gangs in Omaha and concerning increasing drug related crime should be cause for great concern for all of us in public office.

It will certainly take a coordinated response from all levels of government to solve this problem. Our federal government most play a major role, yet it must remember that our state and local governments are in the front lines. Any effort must also involve our schools and private sector.

I have been a leader in anti-drug efforts in the Senate. I was a co-sponsor of the major, omnibus, anti-drug bill passed last October. I have also pushed for drug testing for key transportation-related employees who have the lives of other citizens in their hands. We can leave no stone unturned in our search for effective ways to eliminate this scourge.

Please keep me informed of the findings and conclusions of your committee. I look forward to working with you in forging a solution to the problem of illegal drug use in Nebraska. You have always been a leader in the effort and I salute your fine work.

With best wishes.

Cordially,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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Senator Exon

Aug 25 1989.

Dear Sir

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I thank you for the time you spent
in helping me in my fight against Medicare
what ever you did it sure helped
and turned everything around and
they paid up.

so if there is anything that I can
do for you please let me know
and again thank you

Floyd C. Burt
1701 Riverside Blvd.
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August 28, 1989

J. James Exon
United States Senator
330 Senate Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Exon,

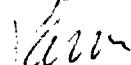
I wanted to write and thank you for contacting the Social Security Administration for my husband, Tom. Although he was rejected again, I am very thankful for your help and concern.

As with another friend we know, we have been forced into the position of hiring an attorney to present our case to the Administrative Law Judge in a hearing. I was told by friends to expect this, however really thought it wouldn't go this far after the Social Security Administration's own doctor told me quite bluntly that he had no idea why Tom was sent to him as he obviously was disabled. He also informed me that I would be surprised at the cases that were referred to him, meaning that more disabled individuals are in the same boat as we are.

Senator Exon, I feel confident that we will indeed win the next round. It is unfortunate that tax dollars are wasted in this manner. I guess this system of reject them and see if they quit fighting might weed out people who are truly not disabled, I don't know? It would seem there should be a better way. I feel more faith has to be put in the doctor's opinions, especially when it is a doctor appointed by the Social Security Administration themselves. It would seem money that should go to the care of the disabled individual must be spent to hire an attorney as they get a percentage of the amount paid in back benefits for their efforts. Maybe we need a system of reimbursement from the Social Security Administration for legal fees of claimants who must go through this ritual. This would allow the benefits to go where they were intended.

At any rate, Senator Exon, I have taken up enough of your valuable time. It is easy to see why the people of Nebraska are so fond of you. You can count on my support in any future reelection efforts on your part. In my opinion you are the most caring Senator this state has had.

Thank you again,


Pamela M. Sorensen
12424 Bel Drive
Omaha, NE 68144

September 18, 1989

Admiral Paul Yost
Commandant
United States Coast Guard
2100 Second Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20593

Dear Admiral Yost:

On September 1, Admiral James Zimble, Surgeon General of the Navy, presided over the first commissioning ceremony for a Navy physician assistant. A few weeks earlier, Admiral Faye Abdellah, Acting Surgeon General of the Public Health Service (PHS), presided over the commissioning of a physician assistant in the PHS--another first. On June 7th, Army Surgeon General Frank Ledford recommended commissioning of Army physician assistants and forwarded that recommendation to the Army staff for final coordination.

I mention all of these activities because I know the Coast Guard is in the process of reviewing its policy with respect to rank and grade for physician assistants in the United States Coast Guard. In light of the activity occurring in the other branches of the uniformed services, I strongly encourage you to adopt a policy of awarding commissions to Coast Guard physician assistants.

Not only is commissioning of PAs appropriate in light of their skill, training and education, but it is also essential to your ability to attract and retain qualified physician assistants. The time has come for awarding PAs a rank commensurate with their colleagues on the health care team.

I strongly encourage you to support the commissioning of Coast Guard PAs. Your thoughtful response to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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September 18, 1989

General Carl Vuono
Chief of Staff
United States Army
Room 3E668
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear General Vuono:

On June 7th, Army Surgeon General Frank Ledford recommended commissioning of Army physician assistants (PAs) and forwarded that recommendation to the Army staff for final coordination. I support General Ledford's recommendation and encourage you to act favorably on his proposal.

What makes General Ledford's initiative so important is that earlier this month, the Navy implemented its program for commissioning of Navy physician assistants and during the month of August, the Public Health Service (PHS) began commissioning PAs in the PHS. Both of these services join the Air Force which has been commissioning PAs since 1977.

In addition to this being appropriate in light of the PA's level of skill, training and education, failure of the Army to approve commissioning could severely impair the Army's ability to recruit adequate numbers of PAs to fulfill its missions. Equally important, the retention of experienced senior PAs will be extremely difficult, if not impossible. I have already heard of a number of cases in which senior Army PAs have resigned their positions in the Army only to turn around and seek a commission as a Navy or Air Force physician assistant.

I believe commissioning of Army PAs, as recommended by General Ledford, is a sound policy and could go a long way towards boosting retention rates and improving morale among Army PAs. I am sure you will agree that PAs are vital members of the Army medical corps, tending to the needs of our soldiers in the field. Providing PAs with a rank commensurate with their responsibilities--as well as equivalent to other nonphysician health care providers--is appropriate.

I strongly encourage you to support the commissioning of Army PAs. Your thoughtful response to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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September 20, 1989

The Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Lloyd:

I know that you are besieged with requests this time of year for special items Senators would like to see included in the Budget Reconciliation bill. This, too, is one of those letters.

As you may recall, I have introduced legislation, S. 353, that would expand the income tax exemption on interest earned on U.S. Savings Bonds if these bonds are used for higher educational expenses. I truly appreciate your decision to hold a hearing on this bill last May 17th. There were no negative comments about this legislation at that time, with the exception of some general questions by Senator Chafee. Enclosed you will find my written reply to Senator Chafee's questions. I am also enclosing a copy of the cost estimates for this bill as prepared by the Joint Committee on Taxation.

I realize that nothing will probably be decided on the revenue side of the reconciliation bill until after the capital-gains question is answered. However, I believe this bill is important and the cost small. I hope you will see fit to include this provision in your final package.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or if I may be of assistance in any way on this request.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

Enclosures

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Sept 20. 1989

Dear Senator Epton:

21 SEP 1989

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On Sept 13 I received
a medicare check of \$631.33
for the lift chair for my
husband.

"Thank You" for caring.
We need more people like
you in the United States
Senate.

I'll always be grateful
to you for your help.

Thank you again.

It was lovely of you!

Sincerely

Mrs William Kels

7131 Harland

Lincoln, Ne 68505

ALAN J. DIXON
ILLINOIS

MAJORITY
CHIEF DEPUTY
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COMMITTEES:
ARMED SERVICES
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URBAN AFFAIRS
SMALL BUSINESS

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1301

September 22, 1989

The Honorable J. James Exon
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Jim:

As you may know, the Senate unanimously adopted my amendment to the Department of Defense Authorization Bill concerning Defense Department purchases from Federal Prisons Industries (known as "FPI" or "UNICOR"). The House bill does not have a companion provision, and as you may know, the amendment has been a catalyst of lively discussions in our Defense Authorization Bill Conference.

Yesterday, I met with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Mr. J. Michael Quinlan. Mr. Quinlan has made his views known to me, as he has to many other Members. As a member of both the Senate Armed Services and Small Business Committees, I respectfully disagree that the amendment is unnecessary.

My objective in this exercise is very simple really. While I wholeheartedly support FPI's important role in the federal corrections system, we cannot forget that it is a large business with 72 factories, 14,000 employees, and \$336 million in sales. FPI ranks as the 58th largest federal contractor, just ahead of Chrysler Corporation. In accomplishing their mission, they must not be permitted to unduly burden the small business community, as they do today. FPI's current practices make it an unpredictable and unfair competitor. FPI's prices should be tested through competition, just as any participant in Defense procurements.

My amendment has received considerable support from the small business community. I have attached the letter from National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) that was sent to many of our offices. It makes clear what is at stake.

I hope that my comments and the attached letter will be helpful to you as you consider your position on this issue.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Alan J. Dixon

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September 29, 1989

The Honorable Jim Exon
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

Thank you so much for your contribution to our symposium two weeks ago. You always bring a down-to-earth common sense approach to the debate, which is a breath of fresh air in the midst of all the arithmetic acrobatics and convoluted rhetoric we have heard for so long.

We truly do appreciate your participation in all of our Committee's activities.

Thank you again.

Best regards,



Carol G. Cox
President

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29 September 1989

Hon. J. James Exon
U. S. Senator
SH-330 Hart Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your letter of September 25 responding to my recent communication to you about the fiscal problems of the federal government.

I want also to thank you for sending me a copy of the address that you delivered at a recent meeting of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. I congratulate you on a splendid message and encourage you to continue your strong and conscientious opposition to the fiscal insanity that has afflicted our government for too long.

Best regards,



E. J. Faulkner

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Oct 1, 1989

Senator James Eyon
Room 275, Federal Building
No. Platte, Ne. 69101

Re: Olga Murhead Estate
Claim against Medicare.

Dear Senator Eyon,

We wish to thank you for
your prompt attention to our Medicare
problem.

You accomplished in one week
what we were unable to do in
one year. We are now able to
close the estate.

Thank You!

Todd Murhead
Grand Island, Ne.

Bill Clinton
Governor of Arkansas

Thomas H. Kean
Governor of New Jersey

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Richard E. Heckert
Chairman, Finance Committee
E.I. du Pont de Nemours
and Company

David T. Kearns
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer
Xerox Corporation

October 6, 1989

The Honorable J. James Exon
United States Senate
330 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Exon:

When the Senate considers S. 695, the "Educational Excellence Act of 1989", an effort may be made to weaken or delete a provision which is vitally important to efforts to attract and retain high quality teachers. As governors and business leaders we have formed a partnership with the education community to support federal funding for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards' research and development activities. The Board is a non-profit organization, chaired by former North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt, which is developing a voluntary assessment program to identify and certify this nation's most accomplished teachers. These voluntary examinations will help professionalize teaching -- making it a more rewarding field, improving teacher education programs, and helping to reshape the structure of American schools.

The Board is composed of business leaders, the Presidents of both teacher unions, school board representatives, union and non-union teachers, governors, and almost every other segment of the education community. Every dollar that the Board receives from the Federal Government will be matched with private funds. DuPont, Xerox and Chrysler Corporation have already made major fiscal commitments to the Board along with the Carnegie and Ford foundations.

The committee measure requires every dollar of federal funds to be spent on a fully competitive basis. In addition, the bill imposes full and complete federal oversight -- holding the Board accountable. Once the assessments are established the Board will be self-sustaining.

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Again, we believe that this public-private partnership is a vital component of any program to improve American education. No matter how much money is available, or how many programs are enacted, the quality of our schools is only as good as the teachers we hire and retain. We urge you to support the Committee provision and oppose efforts to weaken it.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

Bill Clinton
Governor of Arkansas

T. Kean

Thomas H. Kean
Governor of New Jersey

Richard E. Heckert

Richard E. Heckert
Chairman, Finance Committee
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OVERMAN



DONALD E. OVERMAN, MAYOR

1818 Avenue A

Scottsbluff, NE. 69361

308-632-4136

October 20, 1989

The Honorable J. James Exon
330 Hart Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Jim:

I just wanted to drop you a note and thank you for your continued assistance in the ongoing battle over Essential Air Service. Certainly, the Conference Committee outcome was probably as good as we could have hoped for and there is no question that without the solid support of the U. S. Senate Appropriations Committee backing our position, we would have been dead ducks.

I just want to thank you for your assistance on this important matter and can assure everyone that without it, we would not now have Essential Air Service.

Thanks again for your able help.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Overman
Mayor

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united transportation union

OFFICE OF RAY LINEWEBER, STATE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

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October 25, 1989

Honorable J. James Exon
United States Senator
SH-330 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Exon:

Thank you for your kind remarks regarding the railroad Union in North Platte on Saturday.

We certainly appreciate your leadership and dedicated efforts in making the workplace safer for not only our members, but for the industry and the general public as well.

Thank you again for your consideration and kindness.

Cordially,



Ray L. Lineweber

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October 30, 1989

The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman
Select Committee on Indian Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Dan:

As you may know, I introduced S. 1747 on October 11, 1989. That bill, entitled the Ponca Restoration Act, will restore federal recognition to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. It has been referred to the Select Committee on Indian Affairs.

I am writing to urge your Committee to hold hearings on this proposal as quickly as possible. The Ponca Tribe is understandably quite excited about the introduction of this bill. They have been working for several years toward their goal of restored recognition.

Please let me know if it will be possible for your Committee to hold a hearing on this bill soon. Of course, I offer my assistance in working with the Ponca Tribe to provide witnesses and to develop a basis for your Committee to act on this bill.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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HENRY A. DUFFY
PRESIDENT

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October 30, 1989

Honorable J. James Exon
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

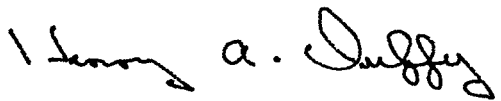
Dear Senator:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your recent support of legislation to create a blue ribbon commission on the Eastern Airlines labor dispute.

Your help has kept alive the possibility of a commission being established and we will continue our best efforts to see it become a reality. We still believe a blue ribbon commission is our best hope to prompt a fair and equitable solution to the Eastern crisis.

The 41,000 members of the Air Line Pilots Association, who view the Eastern dispute as a collective battle, appreciate the interest and concern shown by you and your colleagues in the U.S. Senate to address the ongoing troubles at Eastern Airlines. We thank you for your past support and hope we can count on your continued support in the days ahead.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Duffy, President

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68502

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October 30, 1989

Senator J. James Exon
330 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Exon;

I just wanted to drop you a brief note to thank you for your testimony at the Two Forks hearing on Friday. Your unwavering opposition to this project has been indispensable in the fight to turn the tide against the Denver Water Board and their political muscle. Your appearance Friday served to emphasize the fact that Nebraskans stand united against further upstream appropriation of Platte River water.

At this time I would also like to thank you for all that you have done to further the cause of environmental protection in Nebraska. In addition to your battle against Two Forks, your efforts to protect a part of the Pine Ridge as a federally designated wilderness, and your fight to preserve the Niobrara River, are all actions that will be appreciated by many generations of Nebraskans yet to come. The Nebraska environmental community is indeed fortunate to have you in Washington.

Sincerely,

Dave Sands

Nebraska Audubon Legislative Representative
President/Standard Meat Company

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November 3, 1989

The Honorable Gerald E. Chizek
Nebraska State Senator
Chair, Judiciary Committee
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Jerry:

I am writing to let you know that I have recently agreed to be a cosponsor of S. 1356, the Innovative Alternatives to Imprisonment Act of 1989. The primary purpose of this bill is to provide grants to our states for the purpose of establishing innovative alternatives to incarceration for individuals convicted of nonviolent offenses and nonviolent drug offenses. If passed, S. 1356 would authorize \$200 million for that purpose in 1990. Funding, with appropriate amounts, is authorized for three more years.

As you are well aware, Nebraska is facing a near crisis with prison overcrowding. Each of Nebraska's prison facilities is currently holding prisoners in numbers well beyond what they were designed to hold. It is my understanding that the Nebraska Legislature has appointed a special committee to review this problem and to find a solution. One of the obvious responses will be to build yet another prison facility.

In Nebraska, we have witnessed a dramatic increase in drug and gang-related crime. The hard-core dealers and pushers deserve long term prison sentences. The first-time offenders also deserve punishment; however, they deserve a chance to reform and turn away from a life of drug abuse and crime. We must do more in our treatment and rehabilitation efforts to keep Nebraskans from falling into the abyss of drug abuse.

S. 1356 thus offers an excellent opportunity to our state to look at alternative methods of incarceration, particularly those that will further our goals of treatment, education, and rehabilitation. One such approach has been what is termed "boot camp" prisons. These prisons subject their inmates to a strict daily regimen of physical exercise and activities. A very important aspect of this approach is that it mandates that the prisoners receive drug treatment, education, and counseling. Designed for first-time, nonviolent prisoners, the boot camp prison can help establish a feeling of accomplishment and self worth in those who complete the program.

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The Honorable Gerald Chizek
November 3, 1989
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I am sure that the Legislature will be particularly concerned about overall costs of the program. As the prison stay of any successful participant in such a program would be reduced, the costs of this program may be less on a per-prisoner basis. If the treatment aspects of the program are successful in keeping these individuals from repeating their crime or from once again becoming involved in drugs, the program would be even more cost effective.

Although this bill has not yet passed Congress, there is a very good chance that it will and I intend to push hard in that direction. But, some states have already been successful in receiving assistance under our current federal grant programs. In short, if the Legislature is interested in pursuing such a concept, then there is a distinct possibility of federal assistance, particularly if S. 1365 becomes law.

Please let me know if you and your colleagues in the Legislature find promise in this approach. If you would like to pursue this alternative, I offer my assistance in any effort to locate federal assistance for Nebraska to establish this, or any other appropriate alternative to incarceration.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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Fred W. King
505 North 74th Avenue
Omaha Nebraska 68114

5 November, 1989.

Dear Senator Exon:

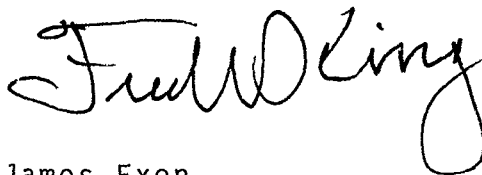
Thank you for your letters of May 10th and October 27th.

You and your staff are to be commended on the job you do in handling your correspondence.

I like your thoughtful acknowledgements and particularly appreciate the follow-ups on how the matter is progressing and being disposed of.

You are appreciated. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred W. King". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Fred W. King".

Senator J. James Exon,
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.
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November 9, 1989

The Honorable Bruce Vento
Chairman
Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Vento:

Today the Senate approved S. 280 which provides protection under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act for a 76 mile segment of the Niobrara River in Nebraska. Corresponding legislation has been introduced in the House of Representatives by our colleague, Representative Peter Hoagland. I hope your subcommittee can act on Niobrara legislation very soon.

The 76 miles of the Niobrara River included in our bills encompass some of the most beautiful river habitat in North America. Nebraskans have long recognized its beauty and it is now gaining the national reputation it deserves. Clearly, this segment of the river is worthy of protection for future generations.

The bill approved by the Senate has been very carefully written to protect both the river and those landowners who would be affected by Scenic River designation. I urge you to give it timely consideration.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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November 14, 1989

Dear Senator Exon:

Thank you for your support of my Legislative Line-Item Veto amendment. That was the best vote on this vital piece of budget reform in six years, and you made that possible.

I appreciate your kind help and look forward to working with you in the future.

Once again thank you.

With Best Wishes,

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

Dan Coats

November 17, 1989

The Honorable Daniel Patrick Moynihan
Chairman
Subcommittee on Water Resources,
Transportation, and Infrastructure
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Pat:

The closing of the 101st Congress will mark the end of an era in Nebraska politics. Congresswoman Virginia Smith will be retiring after many years of service to the third congressional district.

To commemorate her years of service I have proposed naming the Calamus Dam in Loup County, Nebraska, in her honor. Senator Kerrey is joining me in this effort.

I would very much appreciate having this legislation acted on by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee when it meets on November 17th. A copy of my remarks when I first made this proposal are enclosed. You will note that my original bill proposed renaming the Calamus project as the "Virginia Smith Dam and Reservoir". Subsequently, Nebraskans in the area proposed calling it the "Virginia Smith Dam and Calamus Lake Recreation Area". I fully support the latter and hope legislation to that effect can be approved by the Committee expeditiously.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TOM HARKIN
IOWA

November 20, 1989

Dear Jim:

I really appreciate all of your efforts working with me on the Local Rail Service Assistance, Rail Acquisition and Amtrak bills. You have helped me at every turn.

The Rail Assistance program is one of those programs that really can make a difference for rural areas. The passage last night on the Rail Service bill would never have been possible without your efforts.

Hopefully, Republican holds can be pushed aside providing you with a success on Amtrak.

Sincerely,

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

Tom Harkin
United States Senator

The Honorable James Exon
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Thanks, Jim



Miller & Paine

P.O. Box 81408 • Lincoln, Nebraska 68501 • 402-474-2111

COMMENT

November 29, 1989

Honorable J. James Exon
United States Senator
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Exon:

I recieved a phone call Tuesday November 22, from Jerry Slominski of your office informing me that the Pension Reversion Provisions of which I was concerned had been deleted from the final form of the Budget Reconciliation bill. This was certainly good news and hopefully means that whatever reversion actions are ultimately taken by Congress will not be made retroactively to a date that would negatively impact Miller & Paine.

Although I recognize that you cannot always promise such positive results I am most appreciative of your efforts and the efforts of your staff on behalf of me and my company. Jerry Slominski is obviously a credit to your organization and I hope you will pass along my thanks. I feel most fortunate to have such concerned and responsive representation in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Campbell, II
Chairman

STATE OF NEBRASKA

KAY A. ORR, GOVERNOR



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December 4, 1989

The Honorable James J. Exon
United States Senator
330 Senate House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-2701

Re: Proposed Chicago & Northwestern Abandonment

Dear Senator Exon:

The State of Nebraska finds itself confronted with a significant problem which has tremendous and long-term adverse ramifications for its citizens. This is a crisis that leaves no sector of the populace untouched, as evidenced by the signatories to this request. The undersigned are far from all of those impacted by this problem. They merely serve as representatives of the private and public sectors who have joined together out of mutual concern to address the problem.

Within recent weeks, we are aware that some of your constituents have registered increasing concerns with your office regarding the proposed abandonment of the Chicago & Northwestern mainline through the northern counties of this State. This is understandable given that Chicago & Northwestern management made announcements earlier this year about the alleged losses incurred on this line and the need for ultimate abandonment of same.

As the attached map, with the mainline in question highlighted, demonstrates, this line is critical to the economic health of a broad geographical portion of the State. That area will find itself isolated from the stream of interstate commerce, should the mainline in fact be abandoned.

The dilemma in which the citizens of this State find themselves is that the causes and solutions to this problem reach far beyond the borders of this State. They present a problem of an interstate nature which requires federal intervention and resolution.

The national scope of the situation is demonstrated by the following facts:

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1. The flow of goods on this line consists primarily of agricultural products moving outbound and agricultural and building supplies moving inbound, both moving to and from destinations and origins far beyond the borders of this State.
2. The Chicago & Northwestern contend that this line is not economically viable if it must depend solely upon Nebraska originating or destined traffic. They assert that the Nebraska traffic must be combined with such products as bentonite and wood chips which originate at and are destined to points outside the State of Nebraska, thus involving non-Nebraska shippers and receivers.
3. The Chicago & Northwestern has taken active steps within recent weeks to divert over an alternative South Dakota line the crucial overhead interstate traffic which is necessary to maintain the viability of the Nebraska mainline.
4. The South Dakota line, acquired by outside interests with the assistance of the State of South Dakota from the Chicago & Northwestern, is benefitting at the expense of the Nebraska mainline. That South Dakota line is being renovated and maintained in part by present and proposed funds and guarantees.
5. The ultimate abandonment decisions and rulings will be made by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

As the preceding brief summary demonstrates, interstate commerce issues and the federal government play a major and determinative role in the future of the Chicago & Northwestern mainline in Nebraska and the economic health of Northern Nebraska that is dependent on it.

Obviously, neither the State of Nebraska nor local shippers are in a financial position to resolve this dilemma by themselves, given the considerable role and domination by the federal government in various aspects of this complex issue. On the other hand, both the public and private sector in this State are willing to work closely with the federal government in undertaking those joint efforts necessary to bring this matter to a mutually satisfactory solution.


Because this matter is not perceived by the undersigned to be merely a federal legislative or a federal executive matter, but rather one that involves ultimately all facets of the federal government, a comparable request for assistance is being mailed this date to the Honorable Samuel Knox Skinner, Secretary of the Department of Transportation.

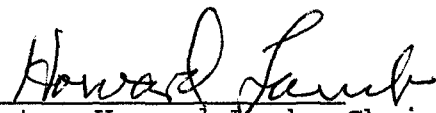
Whereas at the present time, the mainline in question remains in service, its impending abandonment and level of interim maintenance is obviously of the utmost concern to the citizens of this State. Therefore, your timely attention to this significant and critical problem is requested.

To assist you and your staff in coordinating your investigation and efforts, you may feel free to contact any of the undersigned. However, for ease in moving expeditiously on this problem, please be advised that we are coordinating all these matters through David R. Parker, Attorney at Law, 1201 Lincoln Mall, Suite 102, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 (402-475-5100). Dave is representing private shipper interests, as well as serving on a related Nebraska Legislative Task Force and working closely with the office of the Governor on this matter.

Your assistance in bringing this matter to a satisfactory resolution will be sincerely appreciated. The cooperation and support of the undersigned in moving forward is certainly pledged.

Sincerely,


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December 7, 1989

The Honorable Doug Bereuter
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Doug:

I was pleased to learn you recently introduced legislation to preserve a portion of Nebraska's Niobrara River. I have been working toward that end for some time and am glad that you have joined Senator Kerrey, Congressman Hoagland, and me in this worthy endeavor. As you know, Congresswoman Smith has opposed us on this and Governor Orr appears to be wavering. Your support lends some long-awaited bipartisan momentum to the cause.

I was glad to see that your bill basically mirrors mine as far as the 76 mile segment is concerned. This is the section of the river originally proposed for Scenic River designation by area landowners who virtually wrote the bill. While there may be merit in considering some of the additions you have proposed, I would hate to see the good work done to date get bogged down in controversy on other matters. The studies and possible other impediments to your expanded proposal, including the costs, will be time consuming. If such were to happen, we would lose all the progress made to date.

I hope I can count on your support to gain Scenic River designation for the original 76-mile segment during the next session of Congress. I look forward to working with you on this matter and receiving your suggestions.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

J. James Exon
United States Senator

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 21, 1989

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Dear Jim:

My meetings with Chairman Gorbachev at Malta and with NATO leaders in Brussels went well. Let me tell you what we achieved and where we go from here.

My talks with Chairman Gorbachev gave me a better sense of the man and his priorities, and he now has a better appreciation of me and of U.S. policies. These insights will serve us well as we enter what promises to be a new era in the relationship.

The agenda permitted me to put our ideas on the table first. These included proposals to start improving our economic relationship and give new impetus to arms control. We agreed to hold a U.S.-Soviet Summit in the United States during the last two weeks in June and have developed an ambitious agenda leading up to it.

We targeted the 1990 Summit for completion of a trade agreement according Most Favored Nation status to the Soviet Union, so that a Jackson-Vanik waiver will be possible at that time. To reach that goal, we agreed to begin negotiations on a trade agreement now, in the expectation that the Supreme Soviet will complete action on its emigration legislation early next year. Our side also called for the resolution of all divided family issues by the time of the Summit and handed over a list of people wishing to emigrate.

On arms control, I suggested that we agree to hold a CFE summit meeting to sign a CFE treaty in 1990, and we both pledged to accelerate START so as to resolve all of the substantive issues and conclude a treaty, if possible, by the 1990 U.S.-Soviet Summit. Another proposal was to end U.S. production of binary weapons when the multilateral convention on chemical weapons enters into force, in return for Soviet acceptance of the terms of our U.N. proposal. In addition, the Soviets were urged to support our effort to constrain missile proliferation by observing the limits established in the Missile Technology Control Regime.

We discussed a new educational exchange that would enable an additional one thousand university students from each side to study in the other's country beginning in the 1991 school year. We also talked about what we might do on global climate change.

Equally important were the discussions that did not produce specific proposals or an agreed timetable. We talked openly and directly about the enormous changes that are shaping a new Europe. Proceeding from the conviction that democratic change in Eastern Europe serves Soviet as well as U.S. interests, we assured Chairman Gorbachev that we and our Allies would not exploit these developments for unilateral advantage, and that we expected the Soviet Union to allow the East European countries to chart their own destinies.

There are of course areas of continuing concern in Soviet international behavior. Soviet regional policies in Central America and elsewhere are particularly disturbing, and seemingly out of step with Soviet "new thinking." Soviet support for Nicaragua and Cuba remains the single most disruptive factor in the U.S.-Soviet relationship.

At the NATO Summit in Brussels, I briefed our Allies on my meetings with Chairman Gorbachev and laid out my ideas concerning the future of Europe. We spoke about the new Europe and the new Atlanticism, grounded in the principles the Alliance agreed upon at the NATO Summit of last May and embracing the enormous changes now taking place in Europe.

From the beginning of my Administration, our aim has been to move "beyond containment" toward an entirely new relationship of enduring cooperation with the Soviet Union, and toward a Europe "whole and free." Our meetings in Malta and with the Allies in Brussels bring us closer to realizing those goals. I look forward to working with the Congress in a spirit of bipartisanship to build on this sound foundation of a better future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. H. W. Bush".

The Honorable J. James Exon
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

December 22, 1989

The Honorable Richard Thornburgh
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Constitution Avenue & 10th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Thornburgh:

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It has come to my attention that prices for propane being charged in Nebraska have more than doubled within the past six weeks. This comes at a time when Nebraska is experiencing extreme cold temperatures. Propane users have little choice other than to pay the sudden dramatic increased prices or, if they cannot afford to pay the big price jump, must do without.

While seasonal fluctuations are not unusual, this kind of sudden dramatic price gouging raises serious concerns whether the market is being unlawfully manipulated in violation of federal anti-trust laws and price fixing prohibitions.

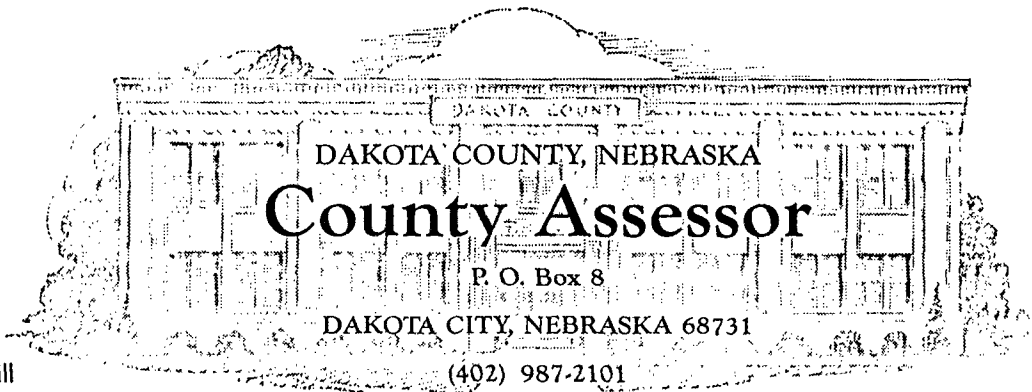
Accordingly, I ask that your office immediately investigate on behalf of consumers these sudden propane price increases to determine if there are federal laws being violated.

I have been in contact with Nebraska Attorney General Robert Spire regarding possible violations of state laws. Attorney General Spire may also be contacting you on this matter.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

J. James Exon
United States Senator



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Mrs. Betty O'Neill
Assessor

December 28, 1989

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Senator J. James Exon
287 Federal Building
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Dear Senator Exon:

I want you to know how much I appreciate the help you gave me with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield problem. I am sorry to have bothered you so many times but I was not having any luck on my own.

I wish you lots of luck next year in the upcoming election. I will be running again next year. Perhaps we will see you here for the Fair Parade. I will encourage all my friends and relatives to give you support and I will be helping through the Dakota County Democratic Party. I worked hard for Senator Kerrey and will for you also. If I can be of any help let me know.

Thank you so much.

Yours truly,

Betty O'Neill
Betty O'Neill
Dakota County Assessor

P.S. Thank you for the Christmas greetings every year. We feel honored to get love from you.

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December 28, 1989

Senator Jim Exon
Federal Building
Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

Dear Senator Exon:

I just wanted to let you know that the National Appeals Staff in Alexandria, Va., has informed me that they have reversed Nebraska Farmers Home Administration decision in regards to my Rural Housing Loan.

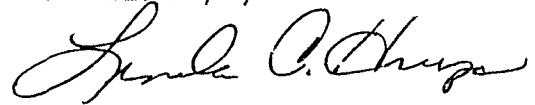
I am so relieved and so happy with this decision. I know your input in regard to this matter was of great importance. I commend you and your staff for the help in getting this situation taken care of.

If anyone asks me if the Senators do anything for us I 'll be glad to answer YES, YES AND YES!

Thanks to all your interest in this matter.

THANK YOU AGAIN. HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!!!!!

Sincerely yours



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STATE OF NEBRASKA

KAY A. ORR, GOVERNOR

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December 28, 1989

The Honorable J. James Exon
SH-330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-2702

Dear Senator Exon:

The current circulation of the "motor-voter" registration bill (H.R. 2190/S. 874) is one of great concern to me.


First and foremost is the great expense that would be saddled on the states. With Nebraska's current property tax issue staring us in the face, the last thing Nebraska taxpayers would want to hear is that a cumbersome voter registration program is being implemented almost entirely at their expense. The twenty million dollar one-time federal assistance grants would barely touch the expenses incurred by some states with this proposed implementation.

My second concern is the issue of duplication. The states already administer federal, state, and local elections providing open access to the ballot. Each state has its own system tailored to its voter population. By adding the confusion of a federal method of registration on top of the state methods, duplications of service are bound to occur hence generating waste of time and money.

We both share concern for Nebraska as we serve in our positions and have the best interest of its citizens at heart when making these decisions. Let's keep the taxpayers in mind when legislation comes before Congress that unnecessarily burdens the state coffers.

Your consideration of my concern is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


KAY A. ORR
Governor

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