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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 31, 2002

Dear Mr. Graff,

Thank you for your September 23rd letter which just came to hand. Its delivery was delayed as a result of heightened security at the White House.

I appreciate you taking the time to write and share your concerns regarding S. 1602, the Corzine-Jeffords Bill. I will forward your letter to others at the White House for review. We have a similar set of concerns about its positions.

Thanks again for your letter.

Sincerely,



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September 23, 2002

Mr. Karl Rove
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Dear Mr. Rove:

Thank you for meeting with my American Chemistry Council colleagues and I last Tuesday. We sincerely appreciated the opportunity to share our views in support of the very important Homeland Security Bill and our concerns regarding S.1602, the Corzine-Jeffords Bill.

As we discussed, the bill establishing the Department of Homeland Security is a vital first step toward making our Great Nation safer and more secure. Because of the concentration of security and intelligence expertise that would be embodied in the new Department, the Department of Homeland Security is the logical place to coordinate and oversee the security of critical industries like ours.

S.1602 (Corzine-Jeffords) does not address real security concerns and would need to be dramatically modified to address serious issues. The bill, as written, would grant the EPA sweeping authority to mandate structural changes in chemical facility processes under the guise of implementing inherently safer technology; would fail to protect the results of vulnerability assessment; would require the EPA to review up to 40,000 facility vulnerability assessments and site security plans (a task for which they have neither the expertise nor the staffing); and threaten to undermine and delay work already underway through the mandatory ACC security code.

To be clear, I support the federal government creating incentives for the private sector to act immediately to improve security. The soon to be established Department of Homeland Security would be best suited to address security matters, and I would suggest the model being implemented through ACC on behalf of our industry provide the framework for implementation. Governor Ridge has been well briefed on the security programs and procedures we have adopted and has been clear that he sees this code as the most rigorous preparedness program of its kind in the United States, one that should serve as the model other industries should ascribe to. In addition, I would have confidence that the Department of Homeland Security would assure a sensible information management policy. One that keeps information that belongs in the public domain in the public domain, as clearly the public has a right to know the potential impact a facility's operation could have on the surrounding community and the facility's plans to mitigate, but would also manage more sensitive information to assure terrorists do not have ready access to information gathered showing how and what facilities are most vulnerable to attack.

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Thanks again for listening. I am always available to speak with you or a member of your staff should the need arise.

On a more personal note, my family and I sincerely appreciate the level of dignity and respect that President Bush and his staff have returned to the White House. You have our full support in these very difficult times.

All the best for your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".