



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL¹
June 21, 1976

Councillor Graham

WHEREAS:

For every \$1 billion of defense spending which could be shifted to public service employment, an additional 57,000 jobs could be created, and

WHEREAS:

For every \$1 billion of defense spending which could be shifted to general revenue sharing, that would create another 100,000 jobs, and

WHEREAS:

Some former high defense officials have stated that \$15 billion could be eliminated without weakening our defense, and

WHEREAS:

This \$15 billion equals three times the amount of the annual revenue sharing funds which go to all cities, counties and states, and

WHEREAS:

This is six times more than is spent by the federal government for programs to develop our communities across the nation, and

WHEREAS:

Poverty, unemployment, bad housing, urban decay and crime are weapons just as deadly against the social defense of this nation as the most sophisticated weapons our enemies can purchase, and

WHEREAS:

In the preamble of the Constitution, our founding fathers placed "insuring domestic tranquility" before "providing for the common defense", and in terms of our domestic tranquility the social defense of our nation is even more important than military defense, now therefore be it

RESOLVED:

That this City Council go on record urging the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation to support the re-allocation of defense department appropriations in order to increase Social Service and Community Development budgets for fiscal 1976-1977.

2/19 Order #1 *12/13/76*
C. Graham resolution on the re-allocation
of defense department appropriations.

S-563

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Placed on File -
Motion of C. Graham

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Charles Right
by
C. Doohy

7/7/1976 - No Action
Remains on Calendar