



City of Cambridge

14.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 15, 1995

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR BORN
MAYOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council supports **An Environmental Bill of Rights** drafted by the Natural Resources Defense Council and appended to this resolution and urges the United States Congress and the President to enact and preserve basic legislation which preserves these goals and objectives; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to Massachusetts Senators and Congressmen, to the House and Senate leadership and to President Clinton.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Attach

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To celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Earth Day and NRDC, we urge you to join with other NRDC members and concerned Americans by signing an Environmental Bill of Rights. Then, please clip or copy the pledge and return it to us. NRDC will send a shipment of signed pledges to lawmakers in Washington in a unified message that conveys our shared commitment to safeguarding a quarter century of environmental protection.

AN ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS

Every American has the right to a safe and healthy environment. We urge all elected officials—local, state, and federal—to protect that right. We oppose any measures that would roll back the environmental progress of the last twenty-five years. We commit ourselves to support the following simple principles, and will hold public officials who represent us accountable for their stewardship of the planet.

1 *Prevent pollution.* Every American is entitled to air, water, food, and communities free from toxic chemicals. Government policies and regulatory standards must prevent pollution before it happens, expand citizens' right to know about toxics, and guarantee protection for citizens, particularly for the most vulnerable among us—infants, children, pregnant women, and the elderly.

2 *Preserve America's national heritage,* wild and beautiful, for our children and future generations. Wildlife, forests, mountains and prairies, wetlands, rivers, lakes, urban parks and open space, and coastlines are all part of our national heritage.

3 *End the give-aways of public assets,* such as mineral, timber, and grazing resources. End the subsidies for oil and energy companies. Polluters should pay to clean up the mess they create. No one has the right to use property in a way that destroys or degrades the surrounding community. We reject the idea that good neighbors must pay bad ones not to pollute.

4 *Conserve America's natural resources* by controlling waste, increasing energy efficiency, and protecting against overuse and abuse. Encourage sustainable technologies that meet human needs without destroying the environment.

5 *Get the big money out of politics.* No more government for sale. Let's take our government back from the big campaign exploiters who control it today.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

Please return to: Natural Resources Defense Council, 40 West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011.
Attention: Bill of Rights. *And if you can, please call the 800 number on the back cover.*



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Born, Reeves, Russell,
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Consent Order #14

Councillor Duehay re: Cambridge's support of
"An Environmental Bill of Rights"

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Order adopted