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City Council Members
City Clerk's Office
795 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, Ma 02139

Dear City Council Members:

I unconditionally support the Bromfield/Volpe petition to amend the PUD-IC zoning in North Cambridge to create a 400 feet wide buffer strip to protect the surrounding residential area. I urge each of you to pass this zoning modification to protect the character of this small neighborhood.

My husband and I moved to this area 2 years ago because we were immediately attracted to the open space with access to the bike path and playing fields that surrounds the Alewife train station. In the past two years we have been delighted to discover rabbits, Canadian geese, and the occasional skunk in this area. The open wetland space provides a safe environment for them. The proposed buffer strip would help safeguard these creatures.

In addition, this space currently provides valuable drainage area during heavy rainfall. Currently our house has two sump pumps which are frequently in use throughout the year. Additional paving across the street would lead to increased water flow on our property and substantially increased flood risk. The buffer strip would help to maintain the current condition.

In the two years we have lived here we have come to love the small, peaceful character of our neighborhood. Please help us preserve this by passing the Bromfield/Volpe amendment to the PUD-IC zoning in this area.

Sincerely,

Neera K. Dahl

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Consent Communication #14

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Communication was received from Neera K. Dahl, 131 Whittemore Avenue, transmitting her support for the Bromfield/Volpe petition to amend the PUD-IC Zoning in North Cambridge.

In City Council May 13, 1996

Referred to the Petition