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Cambridge City Council
City Hall Cambridge, Mass. 02138 CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Dear Councilor:

As businessmen in Cambridge we urge you to support the Police and licensing board in carrying out their duty to enforce the regulation prohibiting "Brownbagging" in Cambridge. This issue has been the subject of much rhetoric and media coverage in recent months. Certain things, however, remain unchanged. They include the following.

1. The Board of license commissioners in the City of Cambridge has the exclusive authority to grant licenses and regulate the conduct of licensees in Cambridge.
2. The regulation was lawfully enacted. It is not discriminatory because it affects all licensees in the City of Cambridge.
3. The regulation is not unusual or unique to the City of Cambridge. Similar ordinances or regulations exist in other Massachusetts cities and towns.
4. The regulation is a legitimate exercise of power by the licensing board to curtail the use and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the City and to preserve public order.
5. There is a legitimate need for such a regulation and this need was recognized by the Police Chief who by law is also a member of the licensing commission.
6. The regulation is consistent with the legislative intent of the state law which is to limit and regulate the use of alcoholic beverages.
7. The regulation protects the public, the neighborhoods, churches and schools against the encroachment by unlicensed establishments which would allow alcoholic beverages to be consumed on their premises.

We urge you to refrain from any action which impedes the police or licensing board from carrying out their lawful duty to enforce this regulation in a uniform and non-discriminatory manner.

Sincerely,

George + Roger Berkawitz

Name:-----

Legal Sea Foods

Business Name:-----

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Comm. from George and Roger Berkowitz, Legal
Sea Foods, supporting the enforcement of the
regulation prohibiting "Brown Bagging".

In City Council,
Sept. 26, 1977

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