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November 13, 1995

Edward Corcoran, Legislative Liaison
Massachusetts Highway Department
Ten Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Mr. Corcoran:

I am writing with regard to a resolution adopted by the Cambridge City Council requesting the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) to conduct a study on the impact of truck traffic on communities near Route 128. I would like to express my strong support for this proposed study.

As the resolution indicated, both the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC) and MHD previously indicated a willingness to study the level of truck traffic which travels on Cambridge Street to arrive at non-Cambridge destinations. These vehicles often travel on streets ill-equipped to handle them which results in increased traffic delays and congestion in local neighborhoods. However, the problems associated with truck traffic impact communities throughout the entire Greater Boston area.

Therefore, any study conducted by MHD to determine the effects these trucks have on residential streets should focus on all communities within close proximity to Route 128, including Cambridge. Additionally, the study should develop a set of alternate routes in order to alleviate the problem of large vehicles traveling through residential neighborhoods.

For these reasons I strongly urge you to consider the request of the Cambridge City Council. My legislative aide, Eric Linzer, will be calling your office in the next few days to discuss this matter further.

Thank you for your consideration. If I can be of any assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Demakis

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State Representative
8th Suffolk District

cc: Cambridge Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves
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Consent Communication #41 S-384

Communication was received from Paul C. Demakis, State Representative, 8th Suffolk District, transmitting his strong support of the Massachusetts Highway Department conducting a study on the impact of truck traffic on communities near Route 128.

In City Council November 20, 1995

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