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JANUARY 11, 1982

DEAR COUNCILORS,

THIS ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS IT'S APPRECIATION FOR YOUR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO SAVE THIS CITY FROM PROPOSITION 2½. RECENTLY THE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR PASSED THE HOME RULE OVERRIDE FOR PROP. 2½. OUR MEMBERSHIP DID SEND IT'S MESSAGE TO THE STATE HOUSE IN SUPPORT OF THAT MEASURE. WE ALSO REALIZE THAT OUR CITY COUNCIL FOUGHT AGAINST 2½ AND ALSO SUPPORTS THAT OVERRIDE AMENDMENT. PUBLIC SAFETY AS YOU WELL KNOW HAS SERVED AS THE HOSTAGE OF PROP. 2½ IN SEVERAL COMMUNITIES BUT CAMBRIDGE HAS PLACED A WELL DESERVED PRIORITY ON THE PROTECTION OF IT'S CITIZENS. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT LOST ANYONE THRU A LAYOFF BUT WE HAVE ONLY ADDED 23 NEW OFFICERS SINCE 1975. IT IS NOT A WELL KEPT SECRET THAT THIS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS UNDERMANNED TO MEET EVER INCREASING CRIME IN CAMBRIDGE. OUR CITY NEEDS MORE PROTECTION AND ONE ANSWER WE AGREE IS THIS OVERRIDE CAPABILITY.

DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS THIS CITY WILL BE READYING ITSELF FOR VOTER DETERMINATION ON THE OVERRIDE ISSUE IN CAMBRIDGE. WE FULLY SUPPORT THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL IN IT'S LEADERSHIP PAST AND FUTURE IN THE FIGHT TO KEEP THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THIS CITY FOR ALL OF OUR CITIZENS. OUR POLICE OFFICERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WILL JOIN IN MAKING THE OVERRIDE HERE A REALITY. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THIS ASSOCIATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE PART IN ANY SPECIAL TASK FORCE OR COMMITTEE YOU PROPOSE TO GENERATE SUPPORT FOR THE UPCOMING OVERRIDE DECISION.

RESPECTFULLY

Joseph J. Bellissimo
PRESIDENT

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Comm. from Joseph J. Bellissimo, Pres., Cambridge Police Association relative to Proposition 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

In City Council,

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