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April 11, 1978

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall
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Dear Mr. Healy:

Thank you for sending me two orders recently adopted by the City Council of Cambridge. As you may be aware, I am greatly interested in DNA legislation.

Despite my strenuous objections, the House Commerce Committee passed H.R. 11192, the Recombinant DNA Act. I voted against this legislation. One of my major objections to the bill was precisely its lack of local option. I also joined with some of my colleagues in filing strong dissenting views for the committee report. Those of us who opposed the bill in its current form are discussing ways to strengthen the bill when it comes to the House floor. It is unlikely, however, that any strengthening amendments would be adopted by the full House.

As far as the appropriations of funds for communities where DNA research is being conducted, I certainly support this concept, but the House Commerce Committee has already concluded its consideration of the DNA bill. It may still be possible to have these funds included in the Senate version of the bill.

Please continue to share your views and comments with me. They are always welcome and appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
Member of Congress

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City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
March 20, 1978

COUNCILLOR VELLUCCI
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

- WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council passed an ordinance regulating recombinant DNA research, and
- WHEREAS: This order grew out of a broad-based citizen review process that gave all concerned parties complete opportunity to voice their concerns and opinions on the subject, and
- WHEREAS: This ordinance and the process from which it grew have been widely acclaimed as an excellent example of the ability of a locality to rationally and fairly come to grips with a complex scientific process, and
- WHEREAS: For reasons that are completely bewildering, Harvard University has launched an all out attack on this local option in Washington, in spite of the fact that our system works and works well here in Cambridge, and
- WHEREAS: The House Commerce Committee this week reported out a Bill which would effectively strip local communities of their rights to set regulations which are more protective than those laid down by H.E.W., therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record as being strenuously opposed to any legislations which would in any way deny localities their right to set standards for recombinant DNA research that are more protective than those promulgated by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and be it further
- ORDERED: That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted to our Congressional delegation.

In City Council March 20, 1978

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

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C. Vellucci and Duehay re: recombinant DNA
research.

In City Council,

March 20, 1978

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A Members

See separate order

by C. Vellucci

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