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Anthony D. Galluccio
Mayor

October 16, 2001

The Honorable Jane Swift
Governor
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State House, Room 360
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Swift:

As you know Polaroid, a major Cambridge employer for more than 50 years filed bankruptcy this week. As part of their reorganization strategy Polaroid has stopped providing health care benefits to retirees. Many Cambridge residents are retirees from Polaroid and have lost their health care as a result of this action.

I am writing to request that you work with applicable government agencies to identify opportunities to expedite the provision of health care services to these retirees who without warning have lost these services. Specifically, I am asking that applications from Polaroid retirees for services under the Prescription Advantage Program be given priority handling. I also ask that other services available to these retirees be identified so that we in Cambridge and in other communities with significant numbers of Polaroid retirees can give these residents information and assistance as they look for new health care options.

I have also written letters to John O'Brien of the Cambridge Health Alliance and Jeanette G. Clough of Mount Auburn Hospital asking that they make every possible effort to provide health care services to those residents who have lost health care benefits due to Polaroid's bankruptcy. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to receiving your reply and to working with you to address this important problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony D. Galluccio", is written over a large, stylized, circular flourish.

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John O'Brien
Cambridge Health Alliance
1439 Cambridge St.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

As you know Polaroid, a major Cambridge employer for more than 50 years filed bankruptcy this week. As part of their reorganization strategy Polaroid has stopped providing health care benefits to retirees. Many Cambridge residents are retirees from Polaroid and have lost their health care as a result of this action.

I am writing to request that you work with applicable State agencies to identify methods to ensure that adequate and high quality health care services be available to these retirees. Specifically, I am asking that Polaroid retirees who come to the Cambridge Health Alliance for health care services be given priority handling when applying for any assistance or benefits they qualify for through the Alliance including those who apply for free care.

I have also written letters to Governor Jane Swift and Jeanette G. Clough of Mount Auburn Hospital asking that they make whatever accommodations possible to provide health care services to those residents who have lost health care benefits due to Polaroid's bankruptcy. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to receiving your reply and to working with you to address this important problem.

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Jeanette G. Clough
President and CEO
Mt. Auburn Hospital
130 Mt. Auburn
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Ms. Clough:

As you know Polaroid, a major Cambridge employer for more than 50 years filed bankruptcy this week. As part of their reorganization strategy Polaroid has stopped providing health care benefits to retirees. Many Cambridge residents are retirees from Polaroid and have lost their health care as a result of this action.

Many of these retirees have, under their company paid health insurance, relied on The Mount Auburn Hospital for health care services for many years. I am writing to request that you work with applicable government agencies to identify opportunities to ensure that The Mount Auburn Hospital can continue to provide the high quality health care services to these retirees. Specifically, I am asking that Polaroid retirees who come to The Mount Auburn Hospital for health care services be given priority handling when applying for any assistance or benefits they qualify for including those who apply for free care.

I have also written letters to Governor Jane Swift and John O'Brien of the Cambridge Health Alliance asking that they make every possible effort to provide health care services to those residents who have lost health care benefits due to Polaroid's bankruptcy. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to receiving your reply and to working with you to address this important problem.

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**Communications & Reports From
City Officers #1**

Three communications were received from Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio, regarding providing health care services to residents who have lost health care benefits due to Polaroid's bankruptcy.

In City Council October 29, 2001

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