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The Honorable; The City Council:

As a Boston area artist who shows in Cambridge, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the efforts of Mr. John Chandler, Public Arts Director of the Cambridge Arts Council, in the recent "One Percent" purchases for the new wing of the Cambridge City Hospital. I was heartened to see several awards for existing works offered for the Hospital Project instead of the usual lump grant for a single proposal. This tailoring of the program to fit the project serves the public well. On this point I commend you, the City Council members, for supporting the creative ideas of Mr. Chandler.

As a recipient of one of the Cambridge City Hospital Purchase Awards, I would like to thank Ms. Jennifer Simpson, Ms. Laura Poklop and the members of the Cambridge Arts Council for making this one of the most efficient, well run competitions I have ever participated in.

There are many fine Cambridge area artists who do not work on the large scale dictated by most public art grants, just as there are many much used public spaces which are inappropriate for large-scale artworks. I hope that the Cambridge One Percent policy continues to take this into consideration and to reflect and serve the variety of its public as it has done with the Cambridge City Hospital Project.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jim Ann Howard". The signature is written over the word "Sincerely," and extends across the bottom right of the page.

Comm. from Jim Ann Howard, a Boston area Artist, commending the Arts Council for the recent "One Percent" purchase of artworks for the Cambridge Hospital & commending the Council for supporting the Arts Council's creative ideas.

In City Council,

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