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May 29, 1980

Mr. Victor M. Cahaly
The Oxford Shop
35A Brattle Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

Dear Mr. Cahaly:

Thank you for your letter which begins, "We have a problem with some one in your district, and your name was given to us in the hope you can help us."

First of all, I can not imagine who you would know that knows me, who would suggest that you write me in this instance. Moreover, I am outraged that you should provide me with private information concerning Mr. Farmer, including the amount of his debt, his bank and his telephone number. Unless you are seeking some form of legal relief (and in writing to me you are not), I believe you have no right to divulge this information. Furthermore, I am not a collection agency.

Secondly, that you should write to me in order to save legal fees which amount to more than the sum of the check is an insult to me personally. I am not a lawyer.

I have always found it reprehensible that the general public is willing to ask legislators to perform questionable tasks in their behalf, but at the same time, quick to condemn them for doing so. Legislators are often blamed for the transgressions of a few. However, I am not a person who would even consider a request which, on its face, seems objectionable by any standard.

I also hope that you settle in an appropriate fashion whatever bad debts you might have with anyone else in the Commonwealth, regardless of the legislative district in which they reside.

Sincerely,

DORIS BUNTE
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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cc: Public Protection Bureau
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Better Business Bureau
Cambridge Chamber of Commerce
Cambridge City Council

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Comm. from Doris Bunte, State Representative.

In City Council,

June 9, 1980

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