

132 Larch Road
Cambridge, Mass. 02138
September 13, 1971

School Committee
City of Cambridge
Cambridge Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Gentlemen;

I wish to register a strong protest at the treatment of my son, as well as countless other freshmen, at Cambridge High and Latin School last Thursday. As a parent of three other children who have gone to High and Latin, I was well aware of the possibility of "hazing" by upperclassmen, going to and from school on opening day. However, I was not prepared to have my son come home without his shirt and with his pants torn and tell me that it happened IN School. There is the supervision that I understood had been instituted after last year's troubles. My son's case was by no means an isolated one. I understand that freshmen were targets of assault all over the school even in classrooms. This cannot be classified as "innocent" freshmen initiation.

You may also be interested in the fact that on Friday my son had another shirt and undershirt torn off his body on the library grounds. That he escaped without physical injury, is a miracle to me.

I would ask that some of the exorbitant taxes that we are obliged to pay be used to bring back to the public schools of Cambridge administrative authority and old-fashioned discipline so badly missing today.

Very truly yours,

Catherine T. Kelley
(Mrs. Francis A.)

P.S. Of interest only to my husband and myself is the fact that over the weekend I had to spend \$15.00 to replace the articles of clothing referred to above.

cc City Council
City Manager

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Communication from Mrs. Francis A. Kelley,
132 Larch Road, Cambridge registering pro-
test at the treatment of her son, as well
as countless other freshmen at Cambridge
High and Latin School on September 9, 1971

September 20, 1971

*Referred to School Committee
Meeting Tuesday*