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June 5, 2003

William D. McKinney, Acting Commissioner
Metropolitan District Commission
20 Somerset Street
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Commissioner McKinney:

I am writing to request that two buildings, owned by the Metropolitan District Commission, become available for use by the crew team of the Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School (CRLS). These two buildings, known as the "Boat House" and the "Stable Building", are located on the corner of McGrath Highway and Memorial Drive.

The Big Dig project has stabilized funding from the Lower Basin to fix five buildings, including the Boat House" and the Stable Building, which were both in a state of disrepair. CRLS desires that these two buildings become available to facilitate their 60-member crew team.

Currently, the CRLS rowing program operates out of one bay at the Cambridge Boat Club. This space is insufficient given the growing interest in the rowing program. CRLS has been forced to reduce the number of students allowed to participate in the program because it has overloaded the current Cambridge Boat Club space. The use of the two MDC buildings would provide a satellite location for the overflow from the Cambridge Boat Club site.

Developers in the East Cambridge area have offered to help with the maintenance of the MDC buildings after all major repairs are completed. East Cambridge is an area that is in dire need of open, usable space and would be an ideal site for the crew program to be located. Allowing the CRLS rowing program to operate out of these MDC boat houses will not only allow for increased student participation in the program, but will enhance two rare and important areas of open space within East Cambridge.

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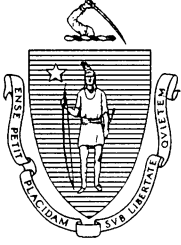
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Doug Foy, Chief of Commonwealth Development
Ellen Herzfelder, Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs



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D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Drury:

Thank you for your letter forwarding the Cambridge City Council's resolution supporting the City of Cambridge's desire to lease the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) boathouse on the Charles River. I recently sent a letter to the acting commissioner of the MDC, William McKinney, requesting that the MDC lease two buildings, to function as boathouses, to the City of Cambridge for use by the Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School rowing team. I have also sent copies of this letter to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Ellen Roy Herzfelder and to Douglas Foy, Chief of Commonwealth Development. I have enclosed a copy of this letter for each member of the council.

Please convey my position to all of the members of the City Council. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Communication #2

A communication was received from Representative Paul C. Demakis, transmitting thanks for the City Council's resolution supporting the City of Cambridge's desire to lease the Metropolitan District Commission boathouse on the Charles River.

In City Council June 16, 2003

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