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October 14, 1997,

To: City Clerk as Representative of City Council

Cc: Ken Kirwin MDC, Lester Barber CDD, Mayor Russell

SUBJ: Traffic Hazard

I have made phone calls to Mr. Barber and to Mr. Kirwin who both denied jurisdiction for the hazardous condition described below. Mr Kirwin said that he would ask the State Police to check this out. I have seen no indication that this situation has been looked at.

I commute from my home in Cambridge out Route 2 on a daily basis around 8:15 AM. Opposite Fresh Pond on Alewife Parkway there is a Duncan Donut with a drivethru operation. Several times a week the drivethru line either backs up onto Alewife blocking a lane, or a motorist, usually a truck driver, parks his truck along the curb on Alewife.

Traffic during rush hour is already a mess. Adding this to it makes it a true hazard.

I don't know whose responsibility this is nor do I know how Duncan Donut was granted a curb cut in such a hazardous location but I do know that an accident is going to happen. How was this curb cut granted and was it reviewed from a perspective of public safety?

Will someone please advise me as to how this situation can be remedied. I would appreciate a timely response.

Yours Truly,

Jay Yesselman
160 Vassal Lane
Cambridge, MA

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Consent Communication #4

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Communication ws received from Jay
Yesselman, 160 Vassal Lane, regarding
a traffic problem at the Duncan Donut
drive thru on Alewife Brook Parkway
opposite Fresh Pond.

In City Council October 27, 1997

Referred to

City Manager