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February 27, 1998

The Honorable The City Council
c/o The City Clerk
City Hall
795 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Councillors:

Thank you for contacting my office about the U.S. Department on Housing and Urban Development's decision to discontinue funding for the Temple Street Program at the YWCA of Cambridge, and the St. Paul's Residence.

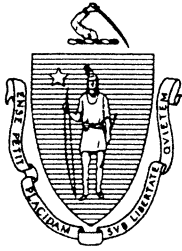
I am also alarmed by HUD's decision to deny funding for these projects, and I have written the attached letter to Secretary Andrew Cuomo expressing my dismay. These projects are both very important for the City of Cambridge, and we should do everything possible to save them. It is my hope that working with HUD we can resolve this problem in order to continue to provide assistance for some of Cambridge's least fortunate citizens.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention, and please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of any assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

Warren E. Tolman

cc: City Councillors



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The Honorable Andrew Cuomo
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
451 7th Street SW, Suite 7100
Washington D.C. 20410

Dear Secretary Cuomo:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Cambridge, to express my concern at the decision made by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to discontinue funding for two of the City's top priority Supportive Housing Program projects. I have come to my attention that the Temple Street Program at the YWCA of Cambridge, and the St. Paul's Residence were denied funding under HUD's SHP program based on a technical issue.

These two programs are invaluable to the City of Cambridge's efforts to maintain a Continuum of Care, as they provide much needed assistance for disabled, formerly homeless individuals who would not otherwise be able to maintain housing. HUD's decision to disqualify these two projects would force these individuals to be returned to homelessness. I urge you to reconsider HUD's decision on this matter, and to work with Cambridge City officials to resolve this problem.

As public officials, our primary responsibility is to improving the lives of the citizens for whom we work. HUD's decision to deny funding for these programs threatens to put homeless men and women back on the streets, and is one which should be reconsidered. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy, II
Cambridge City Councillors

Consent Communication #16 8-162

Communication was received from Senator Warren E. Tolman, Massachusetts Senate, transmitting a letter of concern regarding HUD's decision to deny funding for the Temple Street Program at the YWCA of Cambridge and the St. Paul's Residence.

In City Council March 16, 1998

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