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To: Cambridge City Council  
City Hall, 2nd Floor  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139

From: Jeff Robinson  
37 Long Hill Road  
Groton, MA 01450-1239

Dear Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

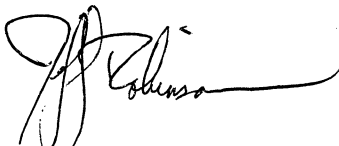
Cambridge is known as a very good place to go for a wide selection of furniture stores. Having recently bought a house, I have quite a few empty rooms to fill up with furniture. On January 25, I went to your city to see what it offers.

Having found a place to park, I fed more than enough money in the meter. I was with my girlfriend and we both knew that we had to be back within an hour. As we shopped around, we check the time about every 10 minutes to make sure we made it back in time. We arrived back at the car with 10 minutes to spare.

When we got there, we found a police officer writing a ticket. I asked him what he was doing since we were back in time. He pointed out that the meter was showing -5 minutes. I told him we were watching the time and his reply was that there are several meters that run fast and this must be one of them. He wrote the ticket anyway.

I wrote a letter to the Traffic and Parking department complaining that I didn't deserve the ticket. They responded with a cold form letter telling me that I can take it to court if I don't like it. Obviously, I'm not going to drive all the way to Cambridge to fight a \$10.00 ticket. I lose.

I have to buy enough furniture to fill a bedroom, living room, and a dining room. It's probably going to cost me between \$5,000 to \$10,000. I just wanted to let you know that I'm taking my business elsewhere. You lose.



Jeff Robinson

Consent Communications #5

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Communication was received from Jeff Robinson, 37 Long Hill Road, Groton, transmitting concern on a parking ticket issued on January 25, 1997.

In City Council February 24, 1997

*Referred to  
City Manager*