

City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

1/9

1995

Order No 9

YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT	
✓				Ms. Kathleen L. Born
✓				Mr. Francis H. Duehay
✓				Mr. Anthony Galluccio
✓				Mr. Jonathan S. Myers
			✓	Mrs. Sheila T. Russell
✓				Mr. Michael A. Sullivan
✓				Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
✓				Ms. Katherine Triantafillou
✓				Mayor Kenneth E. Reeves

8

0

0

1



City of Cambridge

9.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 9, 1995

MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MYERS
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

RESOLVED: That the City Council endorse and sign the attached letter, which urges the President, the Attorney General of the United States, and congressional representative of the City of Cambridge to advocate for and ensure greater enforcement of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act, which became federal law in May of 1994.

In City Council January 9, 1995.

Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-

Yeas 8; Nays 0; Absent 0; Present 1.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

(617) 349-4321

Fax (617) 864-9950

Kenneth E. Reeves
Mayor

January 9, 1995

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Mr. President:

The City Council of the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, on behalf of the residents of our city, write to you to express our horror at the recent attacks on the Planned Parenthood and Preterm abortion and counseling clinics, located in Brookline, Massachusetts, in which two young women, Lee Ann Nichols, 38, and Lowney, 25, were murdered, and five other innocent people injured critically, on Friday, December 30, 1994.

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Cambridge, we urge you to ensure stricter enforcement of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. This act, signed into law by you on May 26, 1994, makes it a federal crime to block access or entry for any individual to an abortion and counseling clinic. While we recognize the intent of this law to ensure access to abortion and counseling clinics, we must express our concern that without sufficient support for enforcement, coordinated at the local, state, and federal levels, the summary effect of this law will do little to guarantee safety to and freedom from harassment for persons seeking entrance to abortion and counseling clinics.

Historical precedent bears witness to the fact simply enacting new legislation does not immediately bring resolution to a public crisis. Without sufficient enforcement, many public schools and universities would not have been made accessible to all of the citizens of our nation in the 1950's and 1960's. Many parallels can be found in the situation which our nation now faces. Without sufficient enforcement, women will, through either physical coercion or harassment, be denied access to abortions and abortion counseling - to which they have a legal right under the laws of our country. Resolution of this crisis cannot wait until another life is needlessly taken. While we, and the citizens we represent, surely respect the right of each citizen to protest laws which he or she feels are unjust, we must stop short when the protest of

one law requires the disregard of another.

Mr. President, we urge you - even as the families of those young women, their colleagues, the women present in the clinic on that day, as our community mourns this loss - to enforce the FACE Act. In the final analysis, the FACE Act must be enforced because it is, quite simply, the law.

Sincerely,



City of Cambridge

9.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 9, 1995

MAYOR REEVES

RESOLVED: That the City Council endorse and sign the attached letter, which urges the President, the Attorney General of the United States, and congressional representative of the City of Cambridge to advocate for and ensure greater enforcement of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act, which became federal law in May of 1994.

Born, Duchay Galluccio Myers
Russell Triantafyllidis

Consent Order #9

S- 10

Mayor Reeves re: Resolution on enforcement of
the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act.

In City Council January 9, 1995

Order adopted.

8-0-0-1