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March 31, 1988

Mr. Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Connarton:

Thank you for your letter of March 14, 1988, to Secretary Pierce concerning the issue of rent control. It has been referred to this Office for reply.

Although the Administration opposes local rent control, it has generally regarded it as an issue that should be decided by each locality without the intrusion of the Federal Government.

This fundamental position has not changed, and the Administration does not propose to take away any HUD funds already allocated to localities with rent control. However, in allocating additional Rental Rehabilitation program funds, it does propose to allocate such funds only to localities and other areas that do not have rent control. It might be noted that this proposal requires Congressional action before a regulation can be issued.

Thank you for your interest in HUD programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James W. Stimpson".

James W. Stimpson
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Policy Development

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Comm. from James W. Stimpson, Deputy Asst. Sec.,
HUD in acknowledgment & appreciation of resolutions adopted by the City Council concerning the issue of rent control.

In City Council,

April 11, 1988

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