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Anthony D. Galluccio
Mayor

July 26, 2000

His Excellency Argeo Paul Cellucci
Governor of the Commonwealth
State House, Room 360
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Cellucci:

I am respectfully writing to express my support for a number of provisions that were included in the fiscal 2001 state budget bill. These provisions provide the City of Cambridge with the necessary power to preserve many programs and ordinances that have a long track record of success in our city. One of these provisions is the School Building Assistance (SBA) Program. I urge you to approve the "grandfathering" provisions [section 329] that protect the reimbursement rate for projects currently in the planning stage that are submitted to DOE and approved by the end of fiscal 2001. I also ask that you approve the full amount of Chapter 70 School Aid voted by the legislature, helping those schools districts that continue to score low on the MCAS to meet the standards set by the Commonwealth. Additionally, I implore you to approve Section 104 of the budget bill, reducing the authority of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) and allowing local governments like Cambridge to make zoning decisions based on the unique needs of their community. Lastly, in an effort to solve the financial crisis in special education, I urge you to support the new special education cost-sharing schedule [section 171].

I also ask that you veto section 240 of the budget bill in order to limit the range of the filed sub-bid law that now includes fire protection and excavation and earth removal. Likewise, I encourage your support of sections 65-78, raising the dollar thresholds under Chapter 30B and making other much-needed improvements to the law. Moreover, for the betterment of all of our cities and towns, I strongly urge you to veto sections 57-58 and 371-372 and prevent the reduction of state subsidies for drinking water and wastewater projects in fiscal 2002.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions in regards to how these provisions affect the quality of life in Cambridge, please do not hesitate to give me call.

Sincerely yours,

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Memorandum

To: The Honorable Cambridge City Council

From: Mayor Anthony D. Galluccio

Date: 27 July 2000

RE: Fiscal 2001 State Budget Bill

On July 26, 2000, I sent a letter to Governor Cellucci in regards to several key budget items that were included in the fiscal 2001 state budget. These provisions have a tremendous impact on the ability of local municipalities to govern according to their own needs and to sustain existing programs that have successfully helped Cambridge residents.

Accordingly, I urged Governor Cellucci to support and approve the following: Section 329, the "grandfathering" provisions of the School Building Assistance (SBA) law that protect the reimbursement rate for projects currently in the planning stage that are submitted to DOE and approved by the end of fiscal 2001; Section 3, Chapter 70 School Aid, in order to help those school districts that continue to score low on the MCAS to meet the standards set by the Commonwealth; Section 104, reducing the authority of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (DTE) and allowing local governments like Cambridge to make zoning decisions based on the unique needs of their community; Section 171, a new Special Education cost-sharing schedule that works toward solving the special education financing crisis.

I also asked Governor Cellucci to veto the following: Section 240, expanding the scope of the filed-sub bid law to include fire protection and excavation and earth removal (I also encouraged his support of sections 65-78 in order to raise the dollar thresholds under Chapter 30B and make other improvements to the Public Construction and Procurement Law); Sections 57-58 and 371-372 to prevent the reduction of state subsidies for drinking water and wastewater projects in fiscal 2002.

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A communicaiton was received from
Mayor Galluccio relative to the
Fiscal 2001 State Budget Bill.

In city Council July 31, 2000

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