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To Whom It May Concern:

For the past 15 years I have lived at the above address in a rent controlled apartment, and have worked exclusively for small, non-profit organizations dedicated to strengthening and guaranteeing this state's commitment to basic rights such as health care and education. I have been an ESL teacher, community journalist for a bilingual newspaper in the Asian community and an activist for health care rights. I am also a poet whose first book was published by a Cambridge-based cooperative publisher. It goes without saying that poets and community activists don't make much money. My average salary in the past 15 years has been about \$20,000 for full-time (your typical 55 hour week) work. If I were to lose my rent controlled apartment, I would not be able to continue my life's work in the communities and in the arts. In my view, this is not only a personal loss for me, but a loss for the state of Massachusetts. I urge you to support, to whatever extent you can, a law that would guarantee affordable rents in Cambridge.

Yours truly,



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Comm. from Catherine Anderson, 52 Garden Street, # 4, urging the City Council to support a law that would guarantee affordable rents in Cambridge.

In City Council,

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