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Cambridge City Council
City Hall
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Dear Councillors:

The Cambridge Committee of Elders is committed to the maintenance of strong rent and eviction controls and strong condominium conversion regulations.

Tenants, especially elderly tenants, in rent controlled buildings are very upset by the Council's recent vote not to fund the Rent Board's legal appeal of the Polednak decision, a decision that potentially could result in the loss of hundreds of rent controlled units.

Over the past year there has been a chipping away of the law as it applies to rental housing in the City. Violations of the condominium conversion ordinance have increased and regulations have not been upheld. Denial by the Council of funds to the Rent Board to defend Board regulations established to carry out the Council's condo conversion ordinance further helps to undermine the law and its protection for tenants, many of whom are elderly.

The Cambridge Committee of Elders urges the Council to reconsider its decision and vote to help fund the Rent Board's appeal of the Polednak decision. We urge you to maintain and uphold a strong policy of protecting low and moderate income tenants, among whom are many elderly, long-term residents of this city, from displacement for condominium conversion.

Respectfully yours,

Edward F. DeLuca

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CC: To all City Councillors
City Manager

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Comm. from Edward F. DeLuca, Pres., Camb.
Committee of Elders, Inc., Re: mainten-
ance of strong rent & eviction controls
and condominium conversion regulations.

In City Council,

March 8, 1982

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