

616 North Avenue 66
Los Angeles, California 90042
July 8, 1976

City Council
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Councilpersons:

As the parents of a child who is handicapped due to a chromosomal abnormality, we were very concerned to learn that you were involved in attempting to interfere with genetic research at Harvard through the denial of building permits and other indirect methods. We feel that, in our own experience with our son, genetic research and its very practical applications have been invaluable to us, even to the point that today we look forward without fear to the possibilities of having another child.

As informed citizens we are well aware of the many potential abuses of such research knowledge. However, this information should rightfully be generated in our own backyard rather than in other countries where the potential for abuse may be far greater. This research is the proper endeavor of a respected university and further, of a university which receives the spotlight of publicity and scrutiny of the entire country.

We urge you to retain an open forum in this matter and not interfere with public debate by using tactics which deal indirectly with the crucial issues.

Sincerely,

William Brock
Christine Brock

Comm. from Mr. & Mrs. William Brock, 616
North Avenue 66, Los Angeles, Ca., favoring
genetic research in Harvard University.

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