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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to speak to continued community control in the Cambridge Model Cities program.

Within Day Care, my area of concern, it is clear that without extensive parent participation, our goals must be very limited. A multitude of study prove that unless there is continuity between the child's existence during the day and his existence at home, little carry-over results. Unless we can actually be responsive to the real needs of families, we are simply fulfilling a custodial function.

It is clear that only through a cooperative effort between parents and staff can a program be established that sincerely attends to the values of all. Both must feel a sense of responsibility about deciding what happens to these children. Such a sense of responsibility only results from real proof of self-determination. Only if a group feels they have some control over their lives and the future, does it attempt to evaluate and change.

I trust these truths will be self-evident.

Sincerely,



Margot Garfield, Director

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Communication from Margot Garfield, Director, Children's Day Care Program, Cambridge Model Cities regarding continued community control in the Cambridge Model Cities Program

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