



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives

State House, Boston 02133-1054

PAUL C. DEMAKIS
REPRESENTATIVE

8TH SUFFOLK DISTRICT
BOSTON • BROOKLINE • CAMBRIDGE

ROOM 446, STATE HOUSE
TEL. (617) 722-2460

Committees on
Government Regulations
Public Service
Transportation

LORI A. JODOIN
LEGISLATIVE AIDE

April 7, 1998

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

Margaret
Dear Ms. Drury:

Thank you for your letter expressing the Cambridge City Council's support for legislation to restore authority to cities and towns to determine appropriate areas for siting telecommunications towers through local zoning and by-laws. I agree that the right to choose the sites of these towers should belong to cities and towns.

You will be pleased to know that I have co-sponsored Senate Docket 2160, legislation which would reverse the recent ruling by the state Department of Telecommunications and Energy which allows companies to bypass local authorities and deal directly with the state over tower placement. Senate Docket 2160 would exclude telecommunication companies as public service corporations under M.G.L. 40A Section 3, effectively maintaining local zoning authority and allowing cities and towns to reasonably regulate the placement of telecommunication towers.

Thanks again for writing. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul C. Demakis
State Representative
8th Suffolk District

RECEIVED BY
CITY CLERK
98 APR -9 AM 11:40
CAMBRIDGE, MA.

Consent Communication #14

5-266

A communication was received from Paul C. Demakis, State Representative 8th Suffolk District, transmitting a letter of thanks for the City Council's support for legislation to restore authority to cities and towns to determine appropriate areas for sitings telecommunciations towers through local zoning and bylaws.

In City Council April 13, 1998

PLACED ON FILE