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March 27, 1997

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

Dear Ms. Drury,

Thank you very much for transmitting the city resolution regarding insured coverage for additional hospital stays for women recuperating from breast cancer surgery. This bill, S679, has my full support, and I am pleased that the City Council shares my concern over this very important issue.

The proposed bill would mandate minimum in-patient care periods following mastectomy or lymph node dissection operations. In order for these periods to be shortened, the patient and her doctor would have to agreed upon the early discharge. In addition, the bill would require insurance plans to cover these additional hospital stays as part of the cost of the procedure.

I feel strongly that this is an important piece of legislation, which will help provide for the safety and comfort of women in the most difficult of times. Thank you again for your support of this bill. If I can be of any further assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Warren E. Tolman

cc: Members of the Cambridge City Council

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Consent Communication #3

S-197

Communication was received from Senator Warren E. Tolman, transmitting appreciation for the resolution adopted by the City Council regarding insured coverage for additional hospital stay for women recuperating from breast cancer surgery.

In City Council April 7, 1997

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