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Kasper H. Bejoian
544 Huron Avenue
Cambridge, MA. 02138

April 2, 1986

Dear Thomas W. Danehy

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The fact that the house was under rent control was fine but then I found out that I could not rent our house for the cost of the mortgage taxes and expenses. I would have to rent it for the most recent rent control price. We have lived in our house for two years and have made alot of improvements. We want to come back and live here but when I brought this to the attention of the rent control board they very nastily said if you don't like the law sell your house. If we had to sell our home we could never afford to move back here. I will reiterate: we are not real estate brokers, this is a one family house. I feel the attitude of the rent control people was cruel and insensitive to my family's crisis. I am very disappointed that these people aren't objective enough to understand that there are situations which might be reasonable requests for exception to the rules. I believe where one lives can define your whole existance and I believe there must be some empathy.

This law which states people who have lived for a number of years in a dwelling they own must be given the right to rent their unit for a designated amount of time at a price to at least cover expenses. Please, I hope you can give some of the honest, hard-working residents of Cambridge the freedom they so deservedly worked for. We don't own 5, 10, 20 units of property. We have one little house. I think for the non-investor an exception must be made or else Cambridge will become a jail and us its prisoner.

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Sincerely,
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Answer

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Councillor Russell

Declared:

attached to referred
to Port Control Board for
action



City of Cambridge

14.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 7, 1986

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL

ORDERED: That the attached be referred to the Rent Control Board for action.

In City Council April 7, 1986.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy; *Joseph E. Connarton*

ATTEST:-

Joseph E. Connarton, Acting City Clerk.

Order #14

S-227

C. Russell order re: attached comm. from Kasper Bejoian regarding his house at 544 Huron Ave. which is under Rent Control be referred to the Rent Control Board for action.

*copy sent to Margaret Drury, Executive
Director of Rent Control 4/9/86 mhr*

In City Council,

April 7, 1986

C.R.
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