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May 26, 1981

Cambridge City Councillors
City Hall

Cambridge MA 02139

Dear Sirs:

The shortage of rental apartments in this city that moderate and low income people can afford is worse now than ever, because of various means developers have used to circumvent Ordinance 945 or buyers, who tried to outguess the State Supreme Court, illegally bought their ^{or condos} condos forgetting the old adage "Buyer Beware." These buyers guessed wrong.

In upholding the constitutionality of the Ordinance, the Court related the preservation of the stock of rent controlled apartments to the preservation of rent control. Councillor Russell's order for amnesty for violators of Ordinance 945 amounts to vacancy decontrol, an aid to decrease the number of rent controlled apartments and to weaken and eventually kill rent control.

I am a long term tenant resident of this city and believe that tenants (who are mostly moderate or low income people) should be able to live in Cambridge. To this end strict enforcement of Ordinance 945 is needed - not suspension of enforcement. I urge rejection of Councillor Russell's order.

Sincerely yours
Frances Siegel
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Comm. from Frances Siegel, 36 Highland Ave., in opposition to the order submitted by Councillor Russell for amnesty for violators of Ord. # 945.

In City Council,

June 1, 1981

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