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Chief Anthony Paolillo
Cambridge Police Department

Dear Chief:

I find that I have been praising your department like mad to its back, and that I have been neglectful of communicating my praise to the department.

You are doing a commendable job of moving traffic enforcement in the city hall-central square area. These two intersections are being given attention they clearly deserve. The Cambridge department has a problem with bad driving habits created elsewhere. You are doing your part to correct those habits. That is good.

The dangers in these two intersections are illegal turns. You are setting traps and grabbing people after the violation. That is the only way to establish proper habits. People must obey traffic laws whether or not they see police. You are teaching people.

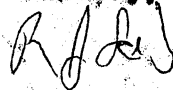
At the same time, I have been pleased to see the performance of officers on duty at the construction site. It is excellent to see an officer to approach a car which has stopped blocking a crosswalk and politely tell the driver to move back to the stop line for the benefit of pedestrians and other vehicles. That is good. That is thinking. That is educational.

Once again, at the same time, you are looking like a good department. Departments who do not do these "little," but very visible things may be doing a good job in secret. It is much more likely that a department which looks professional in these very important "small" public safety matters is doing its job of the "big" things as well.

I do not consider traffic enforcement small. The amount of harm done to person and property by bad drivers is too very extensive. It is a pleasure to see that you agree and that your officers are doing something about it.

cc: City Manager
City Council
Cambridge Chronicle

Sincerely,



Robert J. La Tremouille

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Comm. from Robert J. LaTremouille, commending
the Police Dept. on its efforts to enforce
the traffic laws in the City Hall/Central Sq.
area.

In City Council,

September 23, 1985

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