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May 27, 1999

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

Dear Ms. Drury:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Cambridge City Council's resolution in support of legislation to establish a universal single-payer health care system in Massachusetts.

I strongly support the goal of universal health coverage. With regard to a single-payer system, I support the concept, but think that it would best be implemented on a national level. My only reservation about implementing it on the state level is that it could be so costly, requiring new taxes to pay for it, that it could put Massachusetts at a competitive disadvantage.

However, I am aware of a new Massachusetts Medical Society study that claims that a single-payer system costing less than the current system can be implemented in Massachusetts. I look forward to reviewing the study and will consider supporting the legislation if I find the study to be convincing. I will also give the views of the Cambridge City Council careful consideration if this matter comes before the House for a vote.

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

Sincerely,

Paul C. Demakis

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State Representative
8th Suffolk District

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A communication was received from Paul C. Demakis, State Representative, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council in support of legislation to establish a universal single-payer health care system in Massachusetts.

In City Council June 14, 1999

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