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June 20, 1980

City Council
795 Massachusetts Avenue
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Attention: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We represent GTE Laboratories, Inc. which presently has its corporate headquarters on West and Winter Streets, Waltham near the City of Cambridge reservoir.

Adjoining the company's Waltham facility is a tract of vacant land belonging to the Casella family which is presently being operated as a large pig farm. In order to provide an area in which to expand its laboratory activities, the Company has entered a purchase and sale agreement with the Casella family to buy this adjacent tract. Under the terms of the agreement, the Company's obligation to purchase is subject to several conditions, one of which is that the Company succeed in obtaining from the City of Cambridge a grant of right of way 70 feet in width extending from Winter Street in a southerly direction to the Casella land, this easement to serve as the principal access to the property.

If the Company is able to satisfy this condition and goes forward with the acquisition of the land, the Company anticipates spending many millions of dollars towards the development of a campus-type facility at which it will carry on its research and development activities. The construction of these laboratories will lead to the creation of an estimated 1,000 new high-technology jobs in addition to providing employment for numerous support personnel.

Because the land has been used intensively for the raising of pigs, the land is presently in a condition which will require very substantial and costly site work in order to be useable for the Company's purposes. This work will involve the removal of thousands of yards of decayed garbage and manure. Because of the proximity of this land to the Cambridge Reservoir and

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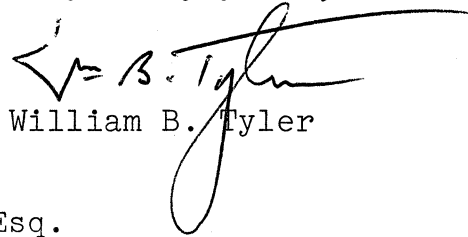
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the Hobbs Brook water course, all of which comprise part of the Cambridge water supply system, it is believed that the work to be done by the Company will be a major step in cleaning up the environment in the area.

Representatives of the Company have met with the Cambridge Water Board on four separate occasions and have made detailed presentations of the Company's proposal for the long-range development and use of the Casella land. These discussions have resulted in a number of adjustments to the Company's plan in order to accommodate certain wishes of the Water Board. We believe that we now have the informal approval of the Cambridge Water Board and we accordingly request that the matter be placed before the City Council for action at the next meeting to be held on Monday, June 30, 1980.

We will be most grateful if the Council would take up this matter at that time and adopt an order authorizing the granting of the required easement to GTE Laboratories, Inc. subject, of course, to such reasonable conditions as may be stipulated by the Water Board and also in compliance with all applicable state and municipal laws and ordinances.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. B. Tyler", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

William B. Tyler

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xc: Russell B. Higley, Esq.
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Comm. from Rackermann, Sawyer and Brewster,
Attorneys-At-Law representing GTE Laboratories,
Inc. requesting permit for an easement through
a section of Hobbs Brook Reservation.

In City Council,

June 23, 1980

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See Agenda #6
of the City
Manager re
this project