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May 18, 1998

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 order in support of legislation to restore authority to cities and towns to determine appropriate areas for siting telecommunications towers through local zoning and by-laws.

As I mentioned in my April 7 letter, I am a co-sponsor of Senator Morrissey's bill, Senate Docket 2160. This legislation would exclude telecommunication companies as public service corporations under M.G.L. 40A Section 3, effectively maintaining local zoning authority and allowing cities and towns to reasonably regulate the placement of telecommunication towers. I believe that Senate Docket 2160 is the best solution proposed so far and will continue to work for its passage.

House bill 5353, "An Act Relative to the Siting of Communication Towers and Facilities in Cities and Towns of the Commonwealth," was reported favorably by the Joint Committee on Local Affairs in March and has been placed on the calendar of matters to be taken up by the House. Please be assured that I will give the views of the Cambridge City Council serious consideration if the bill 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

Consent Communication #12

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A communication was received from Paul C. Demakis, State Representative, 8th Suffolk District, transmitting his support of legislation to restore authority to cities and towns to determine appropriate areas for siting telecommunications towers through local zoning and by-laws.

In City Council June 1, 1998

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