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February 6, 1998

The Honorable Andrew Cuomo
Secretary

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
451 7th Street SW, Suite 7100
Washington, D.C. 20410

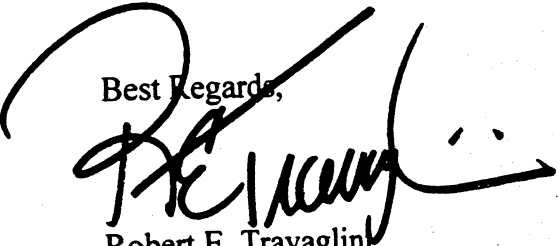
Dear Secretary Cuomo,

I am writing in support of the effort made by the Cambridge city manager, who is trying to clear up a funding problem with your department. Evidently, funding was discontinued due to a technicality between the State of Massachusetts and HUD's regional office in Boston. As a result, two important Supportive Housing Programs (Temple Street YWCA & St. Paul's Residence) have gone without the proper funding that they require.

Cambridge City Manager, Mr. Robert Healy, has already contacted your office regarding this issue. As the state senator who represents the city of Cambridge, I am equally concerned with resolving this problem. It would bring me great pain to see mentally ill men and women forced into homelessness due to a bureaucratic mistake. I hope that this issue is addressed as soon as possible.

You will also find with this letter a copy of the Cambridge City resolution pertaining to this situation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best Regards,


Robert E. Travaglini
State Senator

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IN CITY COUNCIL

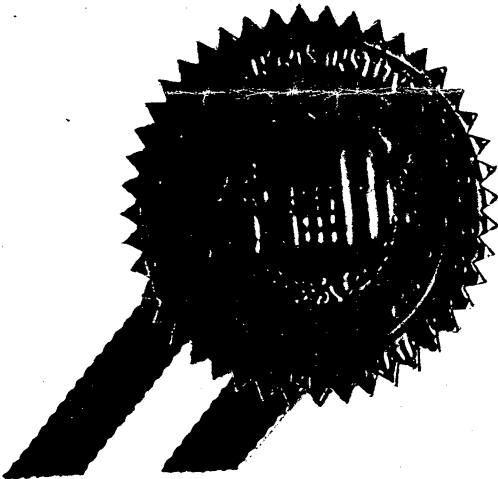
January 12, 1998

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL

- WHEREAS:** The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) in its announcement of funding awards for supportive housing and services, omitted from its list the Cambridge YWCA Temple Street Program; and
- WHEREAS:** The Temple Street Program was listed as the number one priority for the City of Cambridge in the request sent to HUD; and
- WHEREAS:** The Temple Street Program has housed homeless, mentally ill women for the past five years and has assisted the City in meeting the needs of this underserved chronically disabled population; and
- WHEREAS:** The YWCA of Cambridge completed all aspects of required documentation and forms as outlined by HUD, but was excluded from funding because the original project sponsor did not file an amendment to transfer project sponsorship; and the YWCA/City of Cambridge staff were not directed by HUD to request an amendment; and
- WHEREAS:** Ten formerly homeless women living with major mental illness will be forced to return to the streets if this funding is eliminated; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That the City Council go on record requesting the Department of Housing and Urban Development to allow us the opportunity to solve this crisis, working with our Congressional delegation in Washington, and our State legislators so that this program, which is so necessary, will be allowed to continue; and be it further

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RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward copies of this resolution to HUD, our Congressional delegation in Washington, our State legislative representatives and to President Bill Clinton.



In City Council January 12, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
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City Clerk

Consent Communication #8 1035

Communication was received from Senator Robert Travaglini, transmitting a copy of a letter in support of funding for the Cambridge YWCA Temple Street Program.

In City Council February 23, 1998

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