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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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December 12, 1990

Mr. John E. Flynn
Deputy Clerk
Office of the City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Flynn:

Thank you for letting Governor Dukakis know about the Council vote regarding the cuts that have been made in the Supportive Service Program. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

As you know, Massachusetts law requires that the budget be balanced. Many budget items are fixed, and the areas where cuts can be made are limited. Unfortunately, the programs that can legally be eliminated or reduced are all too often those that serve the most vulnerable of our citizens. The result is a shameful failure to honor commitments that have been made.

The budget the Governor signed is unacceptable in many ways, but it was balanced at the time he signed it. Most unfortunately, revenues have continued to decline, and it has been necessary to make further cuts in order to keep the budget in balance.

We are on a financially responsible course, and it is our earnest hope that we can now begin to rebuild for the '90's.

The Governor appreciates your taking the time to share your concerns with him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alice M. Pierce".

Alice M. Pierce
Director of Correspondence

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Comm. from Alice M. Pierce, Director of
Correspondence, State House, Boston
regarding the resolution sent by the
City Council relative to the cuts made in
the Supportive Service Program.

In City Council,

December 17, 1990

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