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The Cambridge City Council

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Several members of the local health community are asking the Council to completely ban smoking in all public places, including restaurants and bars. Such a smoking ban proposal will effect financially various restaurants and bars in Cambridge. I understand there are over 100 smoke-free restaurants in Cambridge for non-smokers to choose from, smoke-free restaurants made possible by restaurant owners responding to their customers' wishes.

Also, I oppose the proposed ban as being unfair to those of us who do smoke (I smoke myself four to six cigarettes a day), and have as much a right to be in public places, enjoying a cigarette, as the non-smoker has a right to be in a public place, and not be assailed by nearby cigarette smoke. It is not a difficult problem to solve: restaurants + bars make separate areas for smokers + non-smokers, as has already been successfully done.

Finally, the prejudice against smokers is a social issue being ridden to victory by those who do not desire to smoke and wish unfairly to make all of us to conform to their wish.

I acknowledge smoking is a health problem, but there is a health problem created by

persons who overeat, often the wrong things that medicine warns us away from as a health hazard, and who do not exercise, are strikingly overweight. These persons are not penalized by having certain foods they like and are known to ^{be} injurious to health, removed from market shelves.

My concern is that both sides on smoking be considered fairly; there are public shelters so to speak in which both sides can be comfortable and not feel that others are unfairly trespassing against them.

Thank you for your consideration in reading this letter.

Sincerely,

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Consent Communication #6

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A communication was received
from Louise Crelly, transmitting
a request to the City Council to
ban smoking in all public places
including restaurants and bars.

In City Council October 26, 1998.

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