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Mayor Alice Wolf
City of Cambridge
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mayor:

Cambridge Hospital will receive a \$1.3 million dollar "uncompensated care pool" payment on Friday from the Department of Medical Security. This check puts the State back on schedule in its reimbursements for uncompensated care. As you know, last month Cambridge Hospital received a \$1.6 million dollar payment from the State for medicaid reimbursements. These payments were critical to maintaining the fiscal solvency of Cambridge Hospital.

The Council, Robert Healy, and John O'Brien are to be commended for working effectively with the State and the Cambridge legislators to obtain commitments and payments to Cambridge Hospital, given the State's current financial circumstances.

A temporary income tax increase, which most of the Cambridge delegation voted for last July, made these payments possible. A significant portion of the additional revenue was earmarked to reimburse hospitals.

Unfortunately, the battle is not over. The State's fiscal condition continues to deteriorate and Cambridge will feel the impact when the FY 1990/91 budget is deliberated this spring. I encourage the new Council to work closely with the State House to insure future payments to the Hospital are made--and of course, on local aid and human services funding for our community.

Sincerely,

ALVIN E. THOMPSON
State Representative

cc: City Councillors
Robert Healy, City Manager

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Comm. from Alvin E. Thompson, State Representative
commending the city administration for its
effective work with the State and the Cambridge
legislators for obtaining commitments and pay-
ments to the Cambridge Hospital during the current
fiscal circumstances.

In City Council,

January 29, 1990

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