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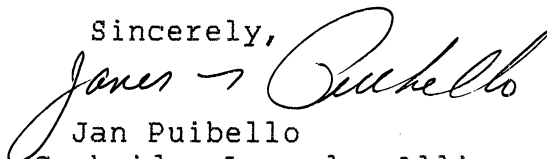
Dear Cambridge City Council,

The Cambridge Lavender Alliance, would like to publicly state our support for the Needle Exchange Program which has recently been initiated in the City of Cambridge. This is an important step in the fight against HIV and the spread of AIDS.

Current studies indicate that the rate of HIV among Intravenous Drug Users is growing rapidly. This program offers addicts an opportunity to safely exchange a dirty needle for a clean one, and provides a bridge to help users to get into treatment. Counselors will staff the exchange sites, which will operate once a week in different sites in the city.

The Needle Exchange Program is an effective Public Health measure to decrease the spread of HIV, as has been demonstrated by programs in other cities. We applaud the efforts of those involved in the development and functioning of the Needle Exchange Program in Cambridge.

Sincerely,


Jan Puibello
Cambridge Lavender Alliance

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A comm. was received from the Cambridge
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