

May 26, 1981

To All Members of the City Council -

As a tenant for over 10 years, I am painfully aware of the acute shortage of decent housing in Cambridge and the hardships it causes those seeking a place to live. Recently, I was forced out of one building by condo conversion and now face a similar threat (cooperative conversion) in my present building.

I urge you to support Rent Control and the Removal Ordinance. We need to retain all available rental housing. Since August 1979, many units have been "illegally removed" by developers and real estate agents who knowingly acted in violation of the Ordinance. Others are using schemes to circumvent the purpose of the Ordinance.

I urge you to vote against the amnesty amendment and instead to vote to prosecute all those who have violated the ordinance by occupying apartments.

Sincerely,
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Comm. from Joan M. Walkes, 3 Arlington St.,
in opposition to the amnesty amendment.

In City Council,

June 1, 1981

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