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Dear City Councillor:

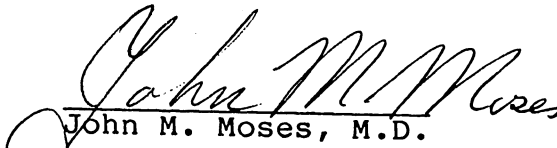
CAMBRIDGE MA.


We support an amendment to the Ordinance for the Care and Use of Animals in the City of Cambridge, Article IV which embodies the Recommendations proposed by us. (John Moses and Stuart Wiles). These recommendations for the appointment of a non-affiliated member to the animal care and use committee provide an additional measure of public accountability by requiring approval of appointment by the Commissioner of Laboratory Animals. It also provides that the non-affiliated member be a person without bias for or against animal research. As such, the amendment does not negate Section 11-33 of the ordinance which specifies compliance with federal regulations. (Federal regulations carefully exclude specification of the philosophical background of the non-affiliated member). The amendment supported by Wiles and Moses also avoids challenging existing Federal laws with respect to the appointment process which assigns authority to the chief executive offices of the institution.

The amendment supported by Wiles and Moses requiring appointment approval by the CLA is consistent with Cambridge practice dealing with appointment of a non-affiliated member to institutional biohazards committees. It is also consistent with such appointments in institution review-boards mandated by federal law to oversee human experimentation. The adoption of the Wiles/Moses amendment would then conflict neither with local nor federal precedent, and in this way it avoids both litigation and rejection of the Cambridge Ordinance as a model for other municipalities.

We deem it a privilege to have had the opportunity to have served on the Blue Ribbon Committee and we hope we have made a contribution to the work of the Council. We both thank you very much for your support.

Signed:


John M. Moses, M.D.


Stuart Wiles, D.V.M.

Comm. from John M. Moses, M.D. & Stuart Wiles, V.M.D., Members of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals in Cambridge, recording their support for an amendment to the Ordinance for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals in Article IV embodying their proposed recommendations on the appointment of a non-affiliated member to the animal care & use committee without bias for or against animal research.

In City Council,

June 26, 1989

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Placed on file.