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The Cambridge City Council
City Hall
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Dear Councilor:

November 16, 1981

On Saturday October 31 nearly three hundred seniors attending the third annual Elders' Congress voted to reaffirm their strong support of both Rent Control and Limits On Condo-Conversions. We would like to go on record tonight in opposition to two motions before you. The first calls for a freeze on the Rent Control Boards ability to raise money through the levying of fees. It is our opinion that this action might leave the RCB without a level of funding necessary to carry out their legislative mandate. While we have never taken a formal position on the fees themselves our overriding concern continues to be the maintenance of strong effective rent control. For this to happen the Rent Control Board must be adequately funded. Therefore we would oppose any effort that would leave them shortfunded.

The second issue you will address this evening that is very important to our members is a move to exempt certain buildings from the condo-conversion ordinance. We have regularly opposed any efforts at dealing with the very serious housing situation piecemeal. This order seems to fall into that category. We would hope that you could deal with each of these issues in the context of an overall solution to the housing problem that recognizes the needs of low and moderate income elderly people.

Yours Truly

Edward F. DeLuca (ENC)

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Comm. from Edward F. DeLuca, Pres., Camb. Comm.
of Elders, Inc. in support of Rent Control and
limits on condominium conversions.

In City Council,

November 23, 1981

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