



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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May 20, 1971

FRANCIS W. SARGENT
GOVERNOR

Dear Mr. Healy,

Governor Sargent has asked me to reply to your letter regarding the order adopted by the Cambridge City Council. The Department of Public Works has reported to me on the request of the Council to have Cambridge declared a disaster area.

They have informed me that the past winter has caused severe damage to all highways. Cambridge is one of many communities which has suffered from the winter, and the city's condition is similar to that of other cities.

Commissioner Edward Ribbs has been asked to take every action to cooperate with the cities and towns in repairing the roads in the Commonwealth. The Governor has requested a one cent increase in the vehicle fuel tax which, if passed by the General Court, will provide additional funds for repairing these roads.

I hope that this program will contribute to the solution of the problem in Cambridge, even though we cannot declare your city a disaster area.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry Lee".

Henry Lee
Special Secretary
to the Governor

Mr. Paul E. Healy
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Communication from the office of Governor
Sargent informing the City Council that
he has instructed the Commissioner of
Public Works to take every action to co-
operate with the cities and towns in re-
pairing the roads in the Commonwealth
and is presently seeking additional rev-
enue in order to accomplish this purpose.

May 24, 1971

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