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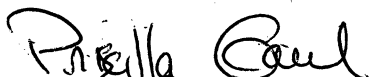
Dear Councillors;

We want to add our voice to those who are calling for an investigation of Royal White Laundry. The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) has charged the company with illegally firing workers and harrassing workers who demanded higher wages. The company is under investigation by the Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA) for firing an employee who brought health and safety problems at the Somerville plant to the attention of OSHA inspectors. And, four complaints have been filed with the Attorney General's office because the company has repeatedly failed to pay for overtime worked.

Over \$200,000 of city money will be paid to Royal White Laundry this year for the Cambridge Hospital laundry contract. All Cambridge citizens should know about the conduct of a company doing business with the city. We would be concerned and upset if the investigation concluded that all, or some, of these allegations are true. If Royal White is exploiting its workforce, then Cambridge should determine whether they are in violation of the conditions of their city contract.

We have faith that you will support the investigation and will follow up with action if the charges prove to be true.


Laurie Taymore Berry


Priscilla Gaul

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Communication was received from
Laurie Taymore Berry and Priscilla
Gaul, Ward Five Democratic Commit-
tee, transmitting their concern
regarding the conduct of Royal
White Laundry and its mis-
treatment of its employees.

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