



City of Cambridge

COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

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IN CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 24, 1989

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- RESOLVED: That the City Council strongly urge Cambridge's State Representatives and State Senators to work for passage of the TOXICS USE REDUCTION ACT THIS YEAR (H.1929).

In City Council April 24, 1989.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 7 members.
Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Order #7

S-269

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Order Adopted