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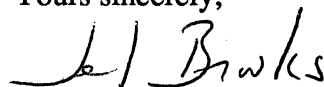
Dear Councilors:

During my ten years' residence in a rent control apartment, I have been fortunate that my income level has increased significantly. Although I wish to remain on Bowdoin Street, I do feel that I should not be enjoying a below-rate apartment at the expense of other Cambridge citizens who are in greater need of affordable housing.

I believe that Cambridge residents, like myself, who make over \$50,000 a year should not benefit from rent control. This unfairness does not lend itself to an easy solution. Because lives become interconnected with neighborhood friends and community, people should not be required to relocate homes simply because of changes of income. On the other hand, increasing apartment rents should not become simply a windfall to landlords.

To address my concern for a more just housing policy in Cambridge, I am presently making donations to both the Cambridge Fund for the Homeless and the Housing Trust Fund. I am donating \$2,000 per year -- an amount that approximates the difference between the set maximum rent of my apartment and what it would obtain in the market.

Yours sincerely,



Jeb Brooks

cc: Susan Schlesinger
Jill Herold

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Comm. from Jeb Brooks, 10 Bowdoin Street,
regarding rent control apartments in the
city.

In City Council,

April 23, 1990

*Referred to the Rent
Control Committee
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