



City of Cambridge

14.

IN CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR WOLF

APRIL 6, 1987

- WHEREAS: Rules proposed by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service on Lobbying by Public Charities would greatly restrict communications between legislators and nonprofit public charities and;
- WHEREAS: Participation by public charities in the legislative process provides a benefit for the city, the state and the nation and is recognized as a right by U.S. law in the section on Lobbying by Public Charities in the Tax Reform Act of 1976; and
- WHEREAS: The proposed IRS rules would reclassify as lobbying non-partisan research, newsletters and conferences that address legislative proposals and most communications with elective officials even when not about pending legislation; and
- WHEREAS: The proposed IRS rules put unreasonable burdens on the private foundations and other donors as to restrict their own activities and discourage their support for public policy research and advocacy; and
- WHEREAS: Portions of the proposed rules are retroactive to 1977, potentially making organizations liable for stiff penalty taxes, loss of tax exemption, mailing permits and government grants; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to hundreds of nonprofit organizations which represent the full spectrum of issues and political perspectives whose public-spirited activities, educational efforts and ability to raise funds could be seriously compromised by these proposed rules; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge is also an international center of public policy research on issues which impact upon legislation and serve the needs of public and elected officials around the world and on the full range of issues; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council opposes the Internal Revenue Service proposed rules on Lobbying by Public Charities and urges the IRS to withdraw them; and be it further

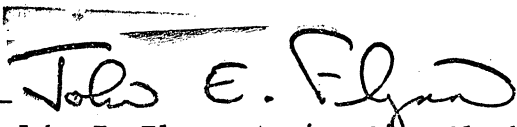
RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council urges the U.S. Department of the Treasury to consult with public officials and public charities to help the IRS develop fair and reasonable regulations that are consistent with the law; and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the IRS, and to our United States Senators and Representatives in Congress.

In City Council April 6, 1987.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 6 members.
Attest:- John E. Flynn, Acting City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-


John E. Flynn, Acting City Clerk.

Order #14 S-226

C. Wolf re: resolutions opposing the IRS' proposed rules on lobbying by public charities; urging the IRS to withdraw them & urging the Dept. of the Treasury to consult with public officials & public charities to help the IRS develop fair & reasonable regulations consistent with the law.

In City Council,

April 6, 1987

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