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Francis H. Duehay

Mayor

December 15, 1981

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The City of Cambridge strongly opposes the Office of Management and Budget's recommendations which would dismantle the federal commitment to provide decent affordable homes and a suitable living environment for our people. The housing needs of low- and moderate-income people cannot be met either by a general revival in the economy or by additional investment in non-subsidized housing.

In Cambridge, we have used a significant portion of our Community Development Block Grant to rehabilitate housing owned by low- and moderate-income people. The crippling of this program and its proposed termination in 1984 will make it impossible to even maintain our existing housing stock.

The demise of the CDBG program coupled with the proposed recission of all Section 8 and public housing new construction and substantial rehabilitation would strip us of all the tools needed to address the shelter needs of our residents.

Finally, the termination of the UDAG program in 1984 would jeopardize job development for our residents and further contribute to the distress of all Cambridge Citizens.

I strongly urge you to consider favorably the Department of Housing and Urban Development's appeal and to reject the above-mentioned OMB recommendations.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis H. Duehay", is written over a horizontal line.

Francis H. Duehay
Mayor

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cc: The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill
The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
The Honorable Paul S. Tsongas
The Honorable Samuel J. Pierce

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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting copy of a comm. from Mayor Francis H. Duehay Re: Office of Management & Budget recommendations dismantling commitment to provide affordable housing.

In City Council,

December 21, 1981

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