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August 29, 1994

Dear North Cambridge Business Leader,

I am writing to ask for your support regarding the North Cambridge Railroad Safety initiative. The Chamber of Commerce recognizes the importance of public safety, and the critical need to provide a safe and convenient way to cross the railroad, and is asking the business community to embrace this important issue.

Commissioned by the City of Cambridge, the Department of Community Development recently issued a study on the matter of North Cambridge railroad safety. The purpose of this study was to examine existing conditions which contribute to the safety problems, and to assess alternative solutions to those problems. As a result, a series of alternative solutions were developed and recommended. Below are some of the short term and long term solutions to this pressing problem.

Long Term Solutions

- * **Grade separated crossings in the locations where pedestrians are currently crossing.**
- * **Linear path connections wherever possible, paralleling the ROW (right of way), and connecting ROW crossings.**
- * **Constructing barriers, and increasing other means of alternative transportation.**

Short Term Solutions

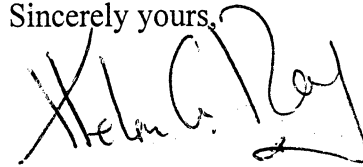
- * **Slowing the movement of the trains.**
- * **Providing safety programs, and a forum for discussion of railroad safety issues.**

* **Signage. Provide new signage systems emphasizing railroad safety.**

These are just a few of the many solutions possible for maintaining railroad safety. This is an important first step, and the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce urges you, as a leader in your community, to fully support this important endeavor.

And finally, below are listed the names and phone numbers of state representatives and state senators who represent North Cambridge. The Chamber of Commerce, along with the North Cambridge Stabilization Committee, will be working together with the Massachusetts legislature in an attempt to secure resources for the railroad safety project. We are asking you to contact your representative, and urge them to support this important measure.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helena G. Rees", written over a horizontal line.

Helena G. Rees
Director of Public Affairs

Speaker of the House of Representatives, Charles Flaherty Room 356, State House,
Boston, MA 02133. 722-2500

Chairman of Senate Ways and Means, Senator Thomas F. Birmingham, Room 212, State
House, Boston MA 02133. 722-1650

Senator Robert Havern, Room 512, State House, Boston, MA 02133. 722-1432

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Comm. from the Chamber of Commerce
regarding a study on the North
Cambridge railroad safety.

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In City Council,

Sept. 26, 1994

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