



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 15, 1995

COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR MYERS
MAYOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts House of Representatives, in adopting its budget, H. 5001, also adopted a rider that threatens the state laws and regulations that protect our environment; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Senate is now considering its own version of the state budget; and

WHEREAS: The rider, section 264 of the House budget bill, would require the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to submit any proposed rules to a thirteen-member Star Chamber that includes representatives of Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM), regional chambers of commerce, the Massachusetts Business Roundtable and the National Federation of Independent Businesses; and

WHEREAS: There are no environmental designees on the panel; and

WHEREAS: In addition to analyzing new rules, the industry group is directed to search for existing rules that it finds problematic and burdensome; and

WHEREAS: This budget rider mimics the Congressional assault in Washington on the rules that safeguard the health and environment of the public; and

WHEREAS: Any rational review of existing and proposed regulations would have a membership composed of experienced and balanced interests; and

WHEREAS: The effective enforcement of basic Massachusetts environmental law such as the Wetlands Act, clean air statutes, drinking water safeguards, the endangered Species Act, the Toxic Use Reduction Act, waste site clean-up rules are unduly threatened by this proposal; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council urge its delegation in the Senate to delete this rider from the state budget.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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Consent Order #18

R-464

Councillor Duehay re: Adoption of a rider that
threatens the state laws and regulations that
protect our environment.

In City Council May 15, 1995

Order adopted .