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May 27, 1999

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk  
City of Cambridge  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Ms. Drury:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Cambridge City Council's resolution in support of legislation to create a "Health Block Grant" to distribute forty percent of the tobacco settlement directly to cities and towns through a formula which takes into account health status indicators.

I believe that a portion of the settlement should be used to fund expanded tobacco control programs and that the remainder should be used to address health care needs, including the extension of health coverage to uninsured and underinsured Massachusetts residents. I will give the views of the Cambridge City Council careful consideration if the City of Boston's "Health Block Grant" legislation comes before the House for a vote.

Thanks again for writing. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

*Paul C. Demakis*

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State Representative  
8th Suffolk District

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
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A communication was received from Paul C. Demakis, State Representative, transmitting thanks for the resolution adopted by the City Council in support of legislation to create a "Health Block Grant" to distribute forty percent of the tobacco settlement directly to cities and towns thru a formula which takes into account health status indicators.

In City Council June 14, 1999

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