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Mr. Robert Healy
City Manager
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

RE: QUESTION 9 - RENT CONTROL

Dear Mr. Healy:

If Question 9 passes without a contingency plan by the city exempting itself from this unfair method of denying the city home rule, the people from Cambridge who live in rent-controlled homes will be forced to make extraordinary decisions which can cause chaos not only in Cambridge but in other parts of the Commonwealth.

This displacement of people forced to leave Cambridge would change the school population of the city and place excessive burdens on the school system of cities poorer than Cambridge.

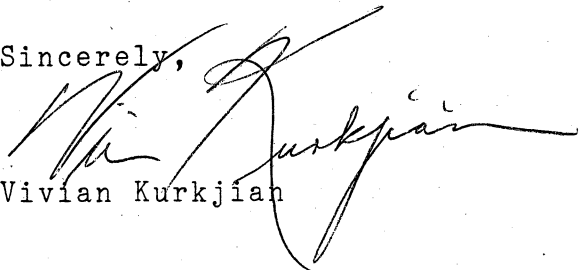
I hope a census could be taken of the public and private school population living in rent-controlled apartments and whether they fear uprooting.

This displacement of people would also affect small businesses in Cambridge.

Fear and stress on older residents might very well result in heart attacks and suicides.

I believe rent control needs streamlining and reform but not at the expense of such chaos. Therefore, I hope the city can hold onto rent control whether Question 9 passes or not, until a review and revision of the current rent control laws are made.

Sincerely,


Vivian Kurkjian

cc: Cambridge City Council ✓

Consent Comm. #7 S-432

Comm. from Vivian Kurkjian, 86 Buckingham
St, in opposition to Question Nine.

In City Council,

October 17, 1994

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