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Paul E. Healy
City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Paul:

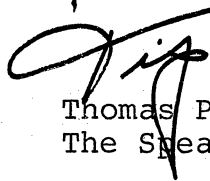
Thank you for sending me the Cambridge
City Council's resolution concerning Secretary Watt.

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution as
it appeared in the Extension of Remarks of the
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on October 27. You will note
from my comments introducing the resolution that I
wholeheartedly agree with the Council's position.

Again, I appreciate being advised of the
Council's action.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,



Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
The Speaker

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Enclosure

their voices in an evergrowing protest against the callous and calculated assaults by this administration on our national parks, our wilderness areas, our historical preservation programs—indeed, on our national heritage.

Last week, the City Council of Cambridge, Mass., added its voice to the protest by adopting a resolution expressing grave concern and dissatisfaction with Secretary Watt's performance. I am pleased to insert the resolution in the RECORD and commend it to my colleagues:

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Whereas since his appointment this year, Secretary of the Interior James Watt has acted in a manner which is inconsistent with our nation's goals of environmental preservation; and

Whereas Secretary Watt has expressed his support for the exploratory drilling off George's Bank and similar drilling in other environmentally sensitive areas of the nation and has declared that he intends to open over eighty percent of the continental shelf to exploratory off-shore drilling; and

Whereas Secretary Watt has publicly gone on record in opposition to the continued expansion of our National Parks System and applauded the Reagan Administration decision to gut the Land and Water Conservation Fund which is largely used to purchase new lands for preservation and enjoyment as local parks, and has further all but eliminated the Council on Environmental Quality; and

Whereas in this area of rapidly diminishing open space and funding for local conservation efforts, the position of Secretary of the Interior is a crucial one and must be filled by someone who demonstrates a true concern for our nation's natural resources; now therefore be it

Resolved, That this City Council go on record as expressing its strong disapproval of Secretary Watt's environmental record to date; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the President and to the members of the Massachusetts Delegation to the Congress of the United States advising them of the position of this City Council.●

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL DEPLORES WATT'S POLICIES

HON. THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR.

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 27, 1981

● Mr. O'NEILL. Mr. Speaker, 6 months ago a nationwide petition drive was launched by the Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth calling for the dismissal of Secretary of Interior James Watt and a rejection of legislation embodying his policies.

More than 1 million signatures have been collected so far and on October 19, I received these petitions on behalf of the House.

Secretary Watt and his defenders charge that his critics are a tiny group of radical environmentalists. The truth is that his policies and pronouncements have offended and outraged an overwhelming majority of the American people—people from every State in the Union, from every profession, from every political persuasion—Americans who are raising

Comm. from Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives expressing appreciation for the City Council's resolution on Secretary of the Interior James Watt.

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In City Council,

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