

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

James L. Sullivan
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April 27, 1970

To the Honorable, the City Council:

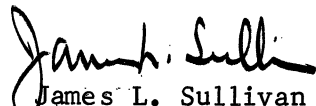
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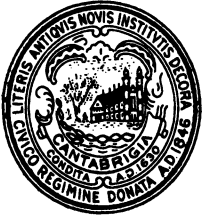
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I am well aware of the concerns that all of our citizens have for clean air and I shall take every step to safeguard the interests and concerns of all of our citizens in this important area of consideration.

Very truly yours,


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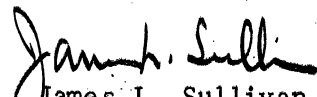
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from the City Manager ~~trans-~~
~~mitted to the City Council~~

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