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Mr. Howard Foley
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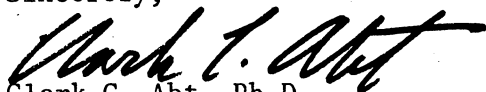
Dear Mr. Foley:

This is to inform you officially, following our previous telephone conversations, that we are resigning from the Massachusetts High Technology Council in protest of its support of Proposition 2½. We would like to make it clear to the public and business community that Massachusetts high technology industry was not unanimous, but in fact divided, in its support of Proposition 2½. Some Massachusetts high technology leaders regret the unwise decision to support and impose Proposition 2½ on older cities like Cambridge that cannot cope with its provisions without grievously reducing the quality and quantity of essential public services.

Specifically as a result of Proposition 2½, my children are going to be educationally damaged in their attendance of the Cambridge Public Schools, because these schools must lay off a quarter of their already strained teaching resources to comply with the budget limitations imposed by Proposition 2½. Further, despite marginal local security from crime (my home has been burglarized five times in the last ten years), the Cambridge Police Force must lay off over 100 policemen to comply with Proposition 2½.

The state's imposition of Proposition 2½ on the City of Cambridge, despite our local voters' resounding 2-to-1 rejection of it, brings with it insufferable local consequences. Because the Massachusetts High Technology Council has helped to create this policy disaster, we have decided to resign in protest of the Council's ill-considered, socially divisive, and economically destructive actions.

Sincerely,



Clark C. Abt, Ph.D.
President

David Wilson, Cambridge Chronicle
Robert Lenzner, Boston Globe
William C. Lannon, Cambridge School Department
~~Mayor Francis H. Duehay~~
James L. Sullivan, Cambridge City Manager

Comm. from Clark C. Abt., Ph.D., Abt Associates,
Inc. transmitting a letter of resignation of
his company from the Massachusetts High Technology
Council in protest to its support of Prop. 2½.

In City Council,

January 26, 1981

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