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RETAILERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**
**& ALLIED
TRADES**
OF MASSACHUSETTS

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**TO: THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS**

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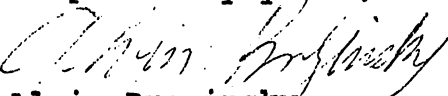
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Respectfully yours,


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 OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

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John ...		743 Memorial Dr. Camb. Mass
Neil ...		605 Mount St - Cambridge Mass
Thomas ...		287 Magalloway St Cambridge Mass (Shell)
Frank ...		239 Cambridge St.

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 Arthur J. Tuttle 289-297 Mass Ave Cambridge
 Demetri Evangelinos Tokio Shell Mass Ave Main St
 John G. Wilson Texaco 871 Mass Ave Cambridge
 Michael J. Tuttle Texaco 975 Mass Ave
 James W. Lindsey Gulf 1201 Mass Ave Camb.
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 G. H. 1509017061^{city} 2055 Mass Ave
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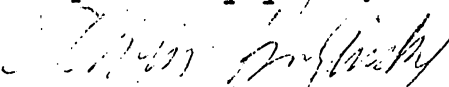
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