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Dear City Clerk:

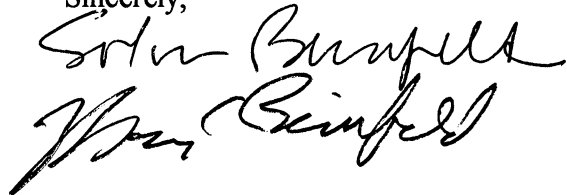
We are writing at the suggestion of City Councillor Kathleen L. Born, who is rightly concerned about the problem of truck traffic on Cambridge streets. As new residents in Cambridge, we had no idea of the magnitude of the problem until after we had purchased a property on Kirkland Street, one of the streets most seriously affected.

We have no wish to exaggerate, but we think it is fair to say that the trucks have made our lives a nightmare. Day and night, often at dangerously high speeds, trucks of every kind and size, including the very heaviest, rumble past our windows, making sleep and concentration virtually impossible. What this means in terms of pollution is less easy to measure, but there is surely a problem here as well.

We know that this is not an easy problem to address, and that trucks have to go somewhere. Nevertheless, fairness demands some restrictions on truck traffic on streets such as Kirkland. Trucks over a certain weight might be prohibited. A speed limit might be introduced, perhaps discouraging those drivers who are in a big hurry. Certain times, particularly nights and the very early morning hours (a time of particularly heavy traffic at present), might be made off limits to trucks.

These are a few suggestions in passing, but the main thing is to acknowledge that a serious problem exists, and to begin debate on a solution, which we earnestly hope will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,



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Consent Communication #4 *SP 323*

Communication was received from
Solon Beinfeld and Margery E. Beinfeld,
70-8 Kirkland Street, transmitting
their concern regarding truck traffic
problems on Cambridge Streets.

In City Council October 23, 1995

*Referred to the
7:00 p.m. hearing*