



City of Cambridge

33.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 4, 1998

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: To date, nearly \$7 million has been recovered in unpaid or underpaid wages with additional moneys returned to the Department of Revenue, D.E.T., as well as Workers' Compensation contributions; and

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WHEREAS: Coping with this volume of violations is impossible with only a criminal statute, forcing the Attorney General to deal with only the largest and most egregious cases; and

WHEREAS: Senate Bill #25 seeks to standardize the criminal penalties and establish a uniform process for issuing civil citations for violations of the wage laws including: minimum wage, non-payment of wages, overtime, prevailing wage and misclassification of employees; and

WHEREAS: This City Council in the past has sought to ensure the fair treatment labor through the passage of the responsible employer ordinance, privatization ordinance and condemning practicing of unfair labor practices in other incidences; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council expresses its support of Senate Bill #25, "An Act Relative To The Payment Of Wages" and hereby requests the Cambridge Legislative Delegation to support said bill; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to our legislative delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

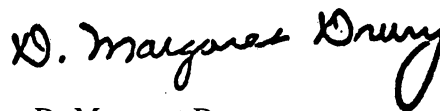
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

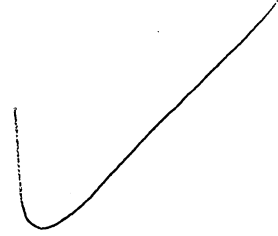
A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "y".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Consent Order #33

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Councillor Sullivan re: support Senate
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ORDER ADOPTED