



City of Cambridge

55.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 17, 1994

COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: More than 20% of Massachusetts residents have no health insurance at all, or are seriously underinsured; and

WHEREAS: The United States has the highest per capita health care costs in the world, and Massachusetts the highest per capita health care costs in the United States -- \$5,000 per person in 1994; and

WHEREAS: Per capita health spending in Massachusetts increased by 136% between 1980 and 1990, and has been projected to rise by at least another 130% by the year 2000.

WHEREAS: Employee health insurance costs, \$27 million in 1994, are almost 20% of the city budget and have increased by 7.4% since 1992; and

WHEREAS: Had a single payer health care system been implemented in Massachusetts last year the City of Cambridge would have saved \$13 million in health insurance premiums and Workmen's Compensation costs; and

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RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record in support of the Public Policy Initiative to Guarantee Affordable Health Care.

In City Council October 17, 1994.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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~~PROPOSED CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION~~

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Consent Order #55

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Councillor Born re: Health Insurance
for Massachusetts residents.

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Order adopted.