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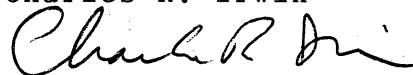
TO: Cambridge City Council
795 Mass Ave
Cambridge, MA 02139

As a resident on Broadway, I have been giving a great deal of consideration to the proposal to build a bridge across Broadway, connecting the new and old sections of the Fogg Art Museum. I would like to voice my opposition to the bridge.

Altho the arguments for the bridge center mostly on the safety and ease of movement of people and artworks between the two buildings, the proposed bridge is actually quite a bit more than that. If it were just a simple walkway, that would be one thing, but it is actually a wing of the museum, with lounges, galleries, etc. I feel strongly that a structure that large would be visually unattractive. The end of Broadway is hemmed in by buildings already, especially with the construction of the new museum building. Putting a bridge across the street would block out the sky altogether.

If the Fogg were talking about a bridge that was truly just a walkway, with perhaps a lot of glass to let the light thru, I might be inclined to go along with their arguments about the safety and convenience for people and art. But they seem to be using those arguments to attain much more than a walkway at the expense of the local neighborhood. I strongly urge that the Fogg Art Museum not be given permission to build the bridge over Broadway.

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Comm. from Charles R. Irwin, 380 Broadway,
in opposition to the proposed bridge connect-
ing the Fogg Museum to the Sackler Museum.

In City Council,

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