

201 Norfolk Street  
Cambridge, MA 02139  
January 27, 1977

Cambridge City Council  
City Hall  
Cambridge, MA 02139

Attention: Mr. Paul Healey, City Clerk

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to you in regards to the funding of the Section: 3-12 Loan, HIT, and Just-A-Start Programs. I have been helped by the Section: 3-12 Loan and Just-A-Start programs and feel that the cut-back of these programs would be a tremendous loss to the home-owners, tenants, and to the city itself.

The Just-A-Start program employs over 75 youth. I think that in itself is a good reason to continue the program and expand it; Not cut it back. Summer employment of the city's youth is important and I think the respected Council Members know that better than I.

Therefore, on the behalf of my husband, and other homeowners who could benefit by the existing programs and myself respectfully request the reinstatement of funding for the Section 3-12 Loan, Just-A-Start, and the HIT redevelopment programs.

Sincerely yours,

*Maria Valente*

Maria Valente,  
Homeowner

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions.

2. It is essential to ensure that all data is entered correctly and that any discrepancies are identified immediately.

3. Regular audits should be conducted to verify the accuracy of the information and to prevent any potential errors.

4. The final section outlines the necessary steps for ensuring the security and confidentiality of the data.

5. It is recommended that all personnel involved in the process receive appropriate training and guidance.

6. The document concludes by emphasizing the need for ongoing communication and collaboration between all stakeholders.

7. The information provided here is intended to serve as a general guide and should be adapted to specific organizational needs.

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Cambridge City Council,

I am writing you to oppose the manager's request for a cut-back in the Harrington-Wellington Just-A-Start program.

The young people involved have gained much in capability, work incentive, respect for the property of others, skills, and a pride in earning by working.

I feel one of the related benefits of the program is that it is a deterrent to idleness which in turn breeds delinquency.

Rather than cutting the program one should be considering extending it

to encompass even more of our young people who suffer from boredom, lack of incentive, and money who must pass the summer days on street corners, doobsteps, and therevny.

Please consider the benefits of upgrading homes in the community that would otherwise fall into disrepair because of financial conditions of the owners.

I'm sure, the council is aware of these advantages of Just-A-Start, and I hope that the City Manager will consider them in his decision.

Sincerely  
Anna Dicks

1/27/77

City Clerk's Office  
City Hall  
Cambridge, Mass 02139

Attention: Paul Healy, City Clerk

Dear Members of Council,

I'm very concerned about the city manager's decision of the Third Block Grant Funding, especially the Wellington-Harrington 312 plus Just a Start program. We know of many people who have been given much assistance through these programs. We hope to be part of the available funds in the near future. Just a Start was one of the best programs for the children of Cambridge, and the children appreciated it. I'm very concerned about the Home Improvement Program as we hope to be receiving help. Hope you will reconsider your decision of cutting funds from the program.

Sincerely yours,  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel J. Fennell  
138 Otis Street  
East Cambridge, Mass 02141

25 Union Street  
Cambridge, Mass. 02141

January 28,, 1977

Cambridge City Councilors  
c/o Paul Healy, City Clerk  
City Hall  
Cambridge,, Mass.. 02139

Dear Sirs,,

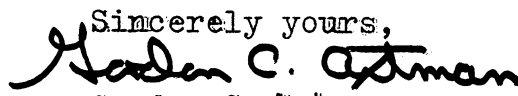
I would like to express my concern over the City Manager's proposed reduction in the Block Grant Funds for the Wellington-Harrington Area. This proposed reduction will greatly affect the success,, effectiveness,, and overall value of the sorely needed Just-A-Start Program,, the 3-12 Home Rehabilitation Loan Program,, and the Home Improvement Program.

Being a lifelong resident of the Wellington-Harrington Area,

I greatly understand and appreciate the value of these programs. It has been a direct result of the 3-12 Program and the Just-A-Start Program that our own home has been brought up to housing standards and made more livable. It is also a direct result of the Just-A-Start Program that several area youth like myself have personally benefitted. The program has made it possible for me to work my way through college,, learn valuable housing rehabilitation skills,, and acquire a positive attitude toward achieving success through hard work and perserverance.

My concern for the continuation of these programs is not for my own personal well being. Rather, it is for the great number of other homes and youth that could and should have the opportunity to benefit from these most successful,, productive,, and essential programs. I ask you to seriously reconsider the proposed cutbacks in the Wellington-Harrington Area Block Grant and the resulting consequences.

Sincerely yours,

  
Gordon C. Axtman

January 28, 1977

Mrs. Mabel T. Ruffing  
147 Otis Street  
Cambridge, Mass.

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City Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

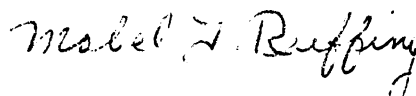
Dear Members:

I would appreciate your support in funding the Home Improvement Program to the full amount requested by the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority. Areas 1 and 3 are very congested and can use all the assistance possible.

I have had occasion to do some work with the Redevelopment Authority and have found them to be very helpful. So, again, I ask that you help restore any money cut from their budget proposal.

Thank you for your attention to the above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mabel T. Ruffing".

Mabel T. Ruffing

City Council  
Attn: Paul Healy

Jan 28, 1977

Dear Sirs,

At the next City Council meeting please bring to the attention of the City Manager that the funds supporting such programs as the "312" and the "Youth Program" must not be cut.

Programs such as these can do only great things for our City. The "Youth Program" reduces crime as it gives the young people incentive, training and a genuine interest in our City.

The "312" program upgrades the city's physical appearance which in turn attracts new permanent residents of varied backgrounds which makes for an emotionally stable and well integrated city. In turn new businesses will come to Cambridge to supply

these new demands bringing  
new tax dollars into the  
city.

Please help these programs  
stay alive - the welfare of  
Cambridge depends on  
them.

Mr & Mrs Charles M. Curll  
Spring St.  
Cambridge, Ma

48 Union Street  
Cambridge, Ma 02141  
January 28, 1977

Cambridge City Council  
Cambridge City Hall  
Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge 02139

Dear Councilors:

I am greatly disturbed about hearing of the curtailment of funds for the Just-A-Start Program. This would mean that close to seventy-five youngsters would be out of a summer job. The assistance of this program has tremendously helped the neighborhood, by somewhat relieving the financial burden of exorbitant labor costs landowners must encounter in trying to renovate their property and stop the unpleasant sight of deterioration. Had it not been for the Just-A-Start Program, the youngsters who worked on my home during the summer of 1976, may have been idly employed for the entire summer. Also,

my home may never have been renovated.  
I hope you will further examine the  
work of the Just-A-Start Program and  
reconsider the curtailment of funds on  
this program.

Sincerely Yours,  
Mrs. Lydia McLaen

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MAGAZINE ST CAMB. <sup>zip</sup> 02139  
ASK ALL NINE CONCIL  
MEMBERS. TO SUPPORT THE  
C.R.A. PROGRAMS THRU  
H.U.D OR ANY OTHER  
AGENCIES Thank you one  
& all.

To Comb. City Council

We strongly urge all members of the Council to vote to continue the redevelopment loan and grants, which has been a great benefit to the city of Comb. and its citizens who are proud of their city and homes. Again may I stress to each and every member of the city Council to continue this great help to Comb. property to owners

Ted Pasquale  
Mam Pasquale  
74 Scovappa St  
Comb. Mass

Jan - 27 - 1977

Dear Mr Sullivan,

I am one of the teenagers who work for the C.B.A. and my name is Paul Corey. I have worked for the C.B.A. during the summer and now for the work-study program.

I would like to know why the city officials have decided to cut off some of the people and especially the money for the following summer program. I like my job very much and it is teaching me different ways on fixing a house and other things like painting, insulation and carpentry for my future years for when I have to make a living for myself. This C.B.A. program is helping a lot of the teenagers to stay out of trouble and also giving us an opportunity to help our parents with the cost of living being so high. We are proud to work for the C.B.A. because it has help beautify Cambridge especially the low-rent houses and we have

pride in our work and our supervisors.

A lot of the teen-agers were shocked when we learn that there is going to be a cut in working people for the C.B.G.

So please Mr Sullivan, we don't want that, we want to make the C.B.G. go on and on helping us solve economic problems for the people of Cambridge and for ourselves keeping us out of corners & trouble.

Please Mr Sullivan we the workers of the C.B.G. have been successful for the past 10 years and would like to make it 20 years.

Please give this problem some thought. Thanking you for your time in reading this letter.

Paul Corey  
7 Palermit St.  
Cambridge, Mass.

Thank you again  
Paul Corey  
C.B.G. worker

Gus Ledy  
33 Webster Ave  
Cambridge MA 02141

Dear City Counselors,

I am a senior at C.H.L.S. For the past two years I have been employed by the Cambridge Redevelopment Authority (C.R.A.) and I am currently employed in their Fall-Winter Program. There are many students, like me, who plan on attending college next year. With the high costs of tuition many students work in the summer to meet those costs. But now when we are informed that there is a good chance we will not get jobs in the summer because the city has cut back on the amount of money C.R.A. needs to employ the 250 workers needed for summer work.

I speak for many who need jobs in the summer to pay for things like schooling. We think C.R.A. should get the money they need because everyone benefits, the city as well as the employees who earn money and learn basic skills that

will remain with them for life

Thank you very much

Yours Saddy

January 29, 1977  
474 Windsor Street  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear City Counsellors,

I am writing to you about the funds you have cut, on a very important program. I work for C.R.A., and was hoping that you would reconsider.

Sincerely yours,  
Carol E. Nicotra

Dear City Councillor

I have worked for the C.R.A for the past 3 years and I heard you might cut back funds would you please reconsider.

Thank you  
Jim Bita  
172 Rice St  
Cambridge

January 28, 1976

Dear City Councilors,

I am a present employee of the Just-A-Start Program C.R.A. I've worked here going on five years. I've seen the Just-A-Start Program grow and improve with the help of you, all the young people, Gordon Gattche, and Peter Sleeper who worked hard to keep this program going.

We had a very good program last summer because you got us the funds which got alot of kids jobs and alot of work done CityWide.

I'm asking you to reconsider the deduction in our funds which will leave alot of kids out of a job this summer and it will also slow us down a great deal in improving our city.

Thank you for your help in the past and I hope in the future.

Sincerely yours,  
Catherine A. Jones  
Supervisor  
348 Franklin St.  
Cambridge, Mass.

To the Camb. City Council:

In regard to returning  
the funds to the 312 program.

I had received their  
service for my house at  
252 Canal St. Camb., Mass. 02139.

Due to a severe heart  
attack I could not receive  
any bad help for this work  
due to a fixed income  
which I now live on.

This program is a wonderful  
and helpful service to us Camb.  
residents, I certainly hope it  
will be considered in full  
as there is still a lot  
of Cambridge residents to be  
helped through. This program  
and we certainly want to bring  
Cambridge back to our beautiful  
City.

The personnel who handles  
this program has done a  
tremendous job and also  
consequently to our needs.

They have done a very  
good job in their service  
to us.

I am hopeful the full  
 funds needed by them  
 will be a happy  
 consideration of the City  
 Council of Cambridge and  
 again my personal thanks  
 to them & you - Remember  
 keep Cambridge a city to be  
 proud to live in.

Sincerely yours  
 Joseph W. Leonard  
 252 Beane St.  
 Camb, Mass. 02142

To City Council of the City of Cambridge

Dear Sirs

I am a resident property owner in Cambridge who recently lost my husband.

During my husband's Terminal illness he applied for a home improvement grant from the C. R. A. To put storm windows on new back door and two storm doors also put coverings around all the windows which had 1/2 inch openings.

My husband didn't live long enough to see this work finished but he died knowing we were able to get a Home improvement grant from the C. R. A.

If we weren't able to receive this grant I certainly as a widow I would never be able to do all these items, and I want to stress very strongly like my self there are many Cambridge families in the same need as I.

I am appealing to you to keep this Program going, and not forgetting The  
JUST-A-START PROGRAM

Sincerely yours,  
+ Maria G. Lewis

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To the City Council Members:

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Many of the ~~houses~~ <sup>JAN 31 2 24 PM '77</sup> in my

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

neighborhood have been repaired and painted by the boys and girls working in the Redevelopment Authority Just-a-Start program.

I want to see them continue improving the Wellington - Harrington area with grants and loans and with the young people who do so much good work.

There should be no reduction in the funds from the city for this neighborhood, and no reduction in the number of our young people who work.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs Mary Liddy

33 Webster Avenue

Cambridge, Mass. 02144

4 Bristol Street  
Cambridge Mass 02141  
January 27, 1974

City Councillors  
City Hall  
Cambridge Mass

Dear Sir,

I have been working for the Just-A-Start program for the past year. As a Neighborhood Aide this program has been a great benefit for all of the Employees. If the funds are cut then these young people will be left without jobs. Most of us are planning on using this money for future Education. And it makes it that much harder to get an Education. I would like an explanation of why these funds have been cut. Thank you for your attention

Respectfully yours,  
Joseph Sousa

Jan. 27, 1977

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To Members of the City Council

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Dear Councillors,

My husband and I have been life long residents of the City of Cambridge. We have taken great pride with our home and area.

Our concern at this time is at the drastic cut on the 3rd year Block Grant Funding. We live within the Wellington - Harrington area and we have all benefited from this program.

We urge you all to visit with the City Manager to reconsider his decision on funding for Wellington - Harrington's Just-A-Start-312 and Home Improvement Program. Just-A-Start is the best youth employment program that has ever happened in the City.

Please do all in your power to keep our neighborhood stable.

Sincerely yours,  
Mary Joaquin  
63 Hampshire St.  
Cambridge, Mass.

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Communications requesting that the City  
Council restore the funds of the Just-A-Start  
Program.

In City Council,  
January 31, 1977

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