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THE CITY CLERK

October 3, 1985

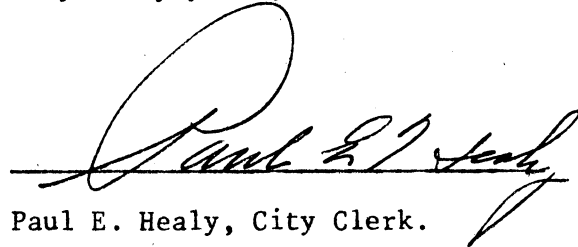
The Honorable Charles Flaherty
State Representative & Majority Leader
The State House
Room 343
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Flaherty:

Pursuant to the request of the Cambridge City Council, I am forwarding to you a copy of the enclosed resolution as adopted by the City Council at its meeting of Monday, September 30, 1985. Said resolution re-iterating the Council's strong opposition to the redraft of S. 386 as a threat to public safety and calling upon the House of Representatives to defeat this legislation.

Your very kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the City Council.

Very truly yours,



Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

PEH/mh

Enclosure: City Council Order #15 of 9/30/85

cc: Representatives Saundra Graham & Peter Vellucci



City of Cambridge

15.

COUNCILLOR D. SULLIVAN

IN CITY COUNCIL
September 30, 1985

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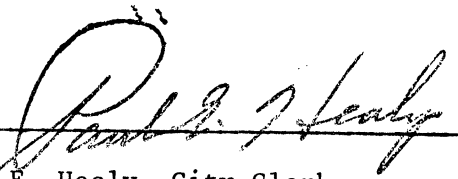
In City Council September 30, 1985.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 6 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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COUNCILLORS DANEHY, LAROSA AND WALTER SULLIVAN RECORDED IN THE NEGATIVE IN THIS MATTER.



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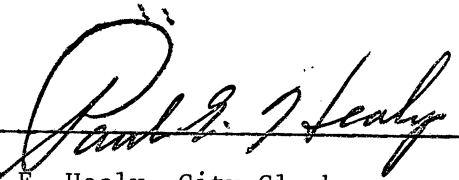
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S-689

C.D. Sullivan re: resolutions recording the
Council's opposition to the redraft of S.386
with regard to handgun licenses.

forwarding letter sent to Rep. Charles F. Healey
+ copies to Reps. Graham + Vellucci
10/3/85 with (copy as then)

In City Council,

September 30, 1985

- 9/30/85 -

QPS

Order Adopted

By 6 Members

Record in the negative
C. Donohy, C. Ross and
C. W. Sullivan