



City of Cambridge

Communication # 44

IN CITY COUNCIL

August 7, 1991

WHEREAS: Budget Director, Richard Darman, has included a cut to Medicare funding of \$23 billion (\$23,000,000,000) in the Federal Budget proposal for 1991; and

WHEREAS: In 1990 a Medicare cut of \$42 billion (\$42,000,000,000) was passed by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS: Medical costs are rapidly rising causing hardship and concern; and

WHEREAS: The Congress and the Federal Government have not made serious attempts to cut waste estimated at over \$180 billion dollars by the governments's own accounting office; and

WHEREAS: It is clearly unfair to single out senior citizens for cuts while continuing over \$180 billion dollars of wasteful and extravagant programs; and

WHEREAS: It is clearly unfair to attempt to balance the budget on the backs of the elderly who have paid for the right to receive Medicare coverage; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: Let it be known by this Resolution that We, the members of this City Council of Cambridge, Massachusetts, do hereby respectfully demand that no cuts be made to Medicare and that no cuts be made to Social Security while truly un-needed federal spending continues to increase; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk of Cambridge be requested to forward this Resolution to all Massachusetts Members of the United States House of Representatives and Senate.

In City Council August 7, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "C".

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk

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CAMBRIDGE MA.

July 26, 1991, A.D.

To the Members of the Cambridge City Council:

Greetings:

The Congress of the United States of America has before it a proposal by Budget Director Richard Darman to cut the 1991 Medicare funding in the Federal Budget by \$23,000,000,000 (23 billion dollars).

Medicare costs are rapidly rising causing our Cambridge Senior Citizens hardships. They are extremely concerned about these cuts in Medicare reimbursements to local hospitals (Cambridge Hospital) and doctors. The massive cut of \$23 billion will be devastating and will result in higher premiums for our Cambridge Senior Citizens.

It is already getting difficult for many senior citizens to find a doctor who will accept Medicare. Cambridge families are concerned that their beloved parents may find it hard getting private medical care.

Thanks be to God that we have a Cambridge Hospital that is ever ready to give medical help and care to our Senior Citizens.

Last year, payments to hospitals were slashed by almost \$32 billion dollars, this year's proposal cuts another \$9.6 billion dollars.

On behalf of the Senior Citizens of Cambridge, it is hoped that the Honorable City Council will vote and approve the attached resolution addressed to the Congress of the United States.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



Alfred Vellucci

Member of The Seniors Coalition -
Protecting Medicare and Social Security Benefits

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EST JUL 29 AM 10:32

CAMBRIDGE MA.

July 26, 1991, A.D.

R E S O L U T I O N

To the Congress of the United States of America:

WHEREAS, Budget Director Richard Darman has included a cut to Medicare funding of \$23 billion (\$23,000,000,000) in the Federal Budget proposal for 1991, and

WHEREAS, In 1990 a Medicare cut of \$42 billion (\$42,000,000,000) was passed by the United States Congress, and

WHEREAS, Medical costs are rapidly rising causing hardship and concern, and,

WHEREAS, The Congress and the Federal Government have not made serious attempts to cut waste estimated at over \$180 billion dollars by the government's own accounting office, and

WHEREAS, It is clearly unfair to single out senior citizens for cuts while continuing over \$180 billion dollars of wasteful and extravagant programs, and

WHEREAS, It is clearly unfair to attempt to balance the budget on the backs of the elderly who have paid for the right to receive Medicare coverage, so,

THEREFORE, Let it be known by this Resolution that We, the Members of this City Council of Cambridge, Massachusetts, do hereby respectfully demand that no cuts be made to Medicare and that no cuts be made to Social Security while truly un-needed federal spending continues to increase,

FURTHER, That the City Clerk of Cambridge be requested to forward this Resolution to all Massachusetts Members of the United States House of Representatives and Senate.

CONSENT COMM. # 44

S-914

Comm. from Alfred Vellucci, member of the Seniors Coalition - Protecting Medicare and Social Security Benefits, transmitting a resolution requesting the City Council to oppose any cuts in Medicare funds.

In City Council,

August 7, 1991

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