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Ward 5

**Democratic Committee
Cambridge, MA 02139**

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Speaker of the House
Thomas M. Finneran
State House
Room 356
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Speaker Finneran:

We wish to express our anger and deep disappointment over losing representation for the City of Cambridge at the State level. As constituents in Jarrett Barrios' former district, we believe Cambridge has been divided up in such a way as to make Cambridge have an ineffective voice at the state level.

As one of the few districts that has a minority representative in the House, our diverse ward has now been placed with Beacon Hill and Back Bay assuring that minority issues will not be strongly advocated. The people of Ward 5 believe that this decision should be changed.

Sincerely,



Mark Sutherland
Co-Chair

cc: City Council

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City Hall, 2nd Floor
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City Council:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter Ward 5 Democratic Committee sent to Speaker Finneran. We wish to further state that we support the City's efforts in its lawsuit to change the present redistricting plan.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mark Sutherland
Co-Chair

Encl:

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Consent Communication #12

A communication was received from Mark Sutherland, Co-Chair Ward 5 Democratic Committee, regarding the present redistricting plan.

In City Council January 28, 2002

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