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 LIVING WAGE

March 5, 1998

Mayor Duehay
 Vice Mayor Galluccio
 City Councilors

Dear Councilors,

We, the undersigned, are launching a Living Wage campaign. Ours is a collaborative effort to insure, in this era of out-sourcing and privatization, that city workers and workers employed through contractors with the City will be guaranteed a living wage.

Not everyone is benefiting from the current strong US and Massachusetts economies. Real wages for most working people have stagnated or declined. Groups and individuals committed to a Cambridge Living Wage ordinance believe that everyone doing business with Cambridge should pay their workers a living wage. We believe that Cambridge should join other cities around the country and pass an ordinance requiring payment of a living wage.

As you may know, many US cities have already passed living wage ordinances. Cities as diverse and far-flung as Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Boston, Los Angeles, New Haven, Portland, OR., Milwaukee, Jersey City, New York City, Baltimore, and Santa Jose have devised a variety of ways of addressing issues particular to their communities. Our neighbor, Somerville, is well on its way to passing a similar ordinance. Our coalition is working to design a sound, fair, and workable ordinance for Cambridge.

As we begin the process, we are writing to tell you about these plans so that you can lend us your support in this effort.

We hope you will see fit to back this proposal in any way you can, and then to support it with your vote when the time comes. We will be contacting you in the future to seek your input questions, suggestions, and opinions on this effort. To reach the Working Committee, call any of the following individuals/ groups: Steve Meacham at the Eviction Free Zone (868-2900), Mark Sutherland (868-0938) or Mike Biasella (491-7543) from Carpenters Local 40, or Judy Somberg (497-1112) from the National Lawyers Guild.

Sincerely,

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Communication was received from the Working Committee of the Cambridge Campaign for a Living Wage, transmitting concern regarding the out-sourcing and privatization in the City to ensure that city workers will be guaranteed a living wage.

In City Council March 16, 1998

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