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The Honorable Henrietta Davis  
Mayor of the City of Cambridge  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139-3201

The Honorable City Councillors of the City of Cambridge  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139-3201

Dear Mayor Davis, Vice Mayor Simmons, and Councillors Cheung, Decker, Kelley, Maher, Reeves, Toomey, and vanBeuzekom:

On behalf of MIT, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to the City of Cambridge for its support of the Institute in the difficult days following the death of MIT Police Officer Sean Collier. I am personally grateful to each and every one of you for standing with us at his memorial service. Our community has struggled to comfort and uplift one another in the face of this senseless tragedy, but the outpouring of support from our Cambridge neighbors has helped to strengthen our resolve to recover and move forward.

We are also indebted to City Manager Bob Healy and his staff, to Commissioner Bob Haas, and to the Cambridge Police Department. Their collaborative efforts not only kept our City secure during the painful hours after Officer Collier's death but also supported the Institute in honoring his memory. Their professionalism ensured the safety of our memorial service, and we are grateful for their significant logistical assistance and support.

As we continue to heal from this tragedy, we want to acknowledge the outpouring of kindness and sympathy from our friends in Cambridge. Members of the MIT community join me in expressing our profound thanks and immense respect for your compassion and friendship.

Sincerely,

L. Rafael Reif

LRR/amr

- cc: Donna Lopez, Cambridge City Clerk
- Robert Healy, City Manager
- Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager
- Louis Depasquale, Assistant City Manager, Fiscal Affairs
- Brian Murphy, Assistant City Manager, Community Development
- Ellen Semonoff, Assistant City Manager, Human Services
- Robert Haas, Commissioner, Cambridge Police Department
- Lisa Peterson, Commissioner, Department of Public Works