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To The Honorable City Council,

We write to you today both as a Cambridge residents, and as the lead organizers of [Code for Boston](#), the local branch of [Code for America](#)'s volunteer [Brigade](#) program.

In the latter capacity, we've had the pleasure of working with both City Council and Staff on the Open Data Ordinance over the last two years. The City and Council have done amazing and laudable work in that time to craft this Ordinance, and our organization is so pleased to see the City move in a direction that will increase organizational efficiency, citizen engagement, and institutional transparency through open data.

However, as we remarked during the ordinance hearing, our organization feels that there are some modifications to the ordinance language that would help to strengthen its mandate, clarify its purpose, and increase citizen involvement in open data in Cambridge - specifically, the language in **2.126.070 Sec F**. To that end, Code for Boston fully supports Councilor Mazen's proposed amendments to the ordinance.

Above all, we feel that open data is a critical piece of 21st century government, and we strongly urge the Council to pass this ordinance, incorporating the proposed changes.

Thank you,

Harlan Weber & Matt Cloyd  
Brigade Organizers, Code for Boston

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