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**Drury, Margaret**

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 15, 2011 2:35 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Cc:** Drury, Margaret; swachtler@wickedlocal.com  
**Subject:** Reject Chestnut Hill Basement Zoning Petition

To the Honorable,

I agree with the Planning Board that this petition should be rejected.  
Requiring a variance is appropriate.

It is not a question whether basement apartments can be charming as Councillor Chung mentioned, or that I oppose development.

The Zoning Ordinance is a set of rules for all of us, and these rules should not be changed to provide a windfall for a property owner without also benefiting the neighborhoods that are affected by the change.

Also, the large campaign donations from non-Cambridge residents to members of the City Council as described in Cambridge Day News, makes this vote especially galling.

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