

June 16, 1988

Chief James Meads Provincetown Police Department 14 Shank Painter Road Provincetown, MA 02657

Dear Chief Meads:

The Provincetown Business Guild has been made aware of the reports of harassment and physical abuse of tourists between the areas of Ryder Street and Masonic Place. As you are well aware, much of the town's economic growth depends on the tourist industry. Should these events continue, it most certainly would have an adverse effect on the well-established business of Provincetown as well as on the entire town itself. Provincetown has become a place where people from all walks of life and various life-styles can come and relax and enjoy themselves and the many aspects of our town. They, no doubt, would like to continue to vacation here without the threat of harassment.

The Guild understands that the Police Department's plan is to have the people gather at Town Hall rather than Spiritus Pizza. Unless there is, however, a positive attempt from the Police Department to curb the harassment at Town Hall, a number of our members find it very difficult to suggest, with a clear conscience, Town Hall rather than Spiritus as a gathering place.

We will continue to support the Provincetown Police Department as much as possible concerning the present situation. If you would like to meet with the Board of Directors of the Guild or any of the Guild's concerned members, please let us know.

Sincerely,

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Philippe D'Auteuil President

cc: William A. McNulty, Town Manager Joseph Cardillo Robert Coane

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