



Allegheny County Sportsmen's League
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Honorable Senators,

I am writing you regarding the potential appointment of Corey O'Connor to the office of Allegheny County Controller by this legislative body. The Allegheny County Sportsmen's League is expressly and vehemently opposed to his appointment.

In 2019, Corey O'Connor, along with his colleagues in the Pittsburgh City Council, knowingly and openly violated PA Title 18 Section 6120: preemption. He restricted the rights of Pennsylvanians using the resources of his office to pass illegal ordinances to make a political statement. On October 29th, 2020, [Judge James of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, ruled](#) that the actions of the Pittsburgh City Council, and individual defendants, including Corey O'Connor, did in fact violate state preemption and their ordinances were "void and unenforceable".

Corey O'Connor was advised by legal experts, lawyers, constituents, and fellow City Councilmembers, that his actions violated the law. Despite this advice, he moved forward. January of 2019, Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen Zappala [wrote a letter to Corey O'Connor](#) where he plainly stated, "the legislation currently before Council, if passed, will be found unconstitutional" and considered "a crime". After receiving the letter from DA Zappala, Corey O'Connor stated In a [KDKA radio interview](#) that they were moving forward with the ordinances and "nobody is gonna stop us".

When an elected official violates the law, they should be held accountable, not awarded with an appointment.

Earlier this year this legislative body, passed [HB979](#). HB979 stressed that if elected officials violate state preemption, then that individual should be held accountable for such an action. I cannot believe that the same Senate that passed HB979 could in good conscience turn a blind eye to the actions of this local politician who blatantly disregarded the laws of our Commonwealth.

I urge you to maintain the integrity and the will of this honorable governing body, and vote against the appointment of Corey O'Connor to the position of Allegheny County Controller.

Yours Most Respectfully,

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