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ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

Honorable President and Members Allegheny County Council 119 Courthouse 436 Grant Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219

President and Members of Council:

Although I agree with the intent of Council Bill 2460-06, I must return the legislation with my veto. I have vetoed this Bill because it is in conflict with the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County.

While I support allowing County Council Members to remain on Council while seeking another office, the voters must approve this through a change to the Home Rule Charter.

In order to achieve that goal, please consider the attached legislation that will eliminate the mandatory resignation of Council Members and will also provide for filling vacancies on County Council. I request that this legislation be placed on the agenda of the next County Council meeting. I hope that Council will support this legislation, and I look forward to working with Council to support this ballot question in the months leading up to the November election.

As a result, I must veto Bill 2460-06.

Sincere

Dan Onorato

Allegheny County Chief Executive

cc: James M. Flynn, Jr.

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