



# Committee of Seventy

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The Honorable Anna C. Verna  
President, Philadelphia City Council  
Room 405, City Hall  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear President Verna:

The Committee of Seventy strongly endorses the legislation under consideration today by City Council's Committee of the Whole to sharply slash compensation for the seven members of the Board of Revision of Taxes. I hope you will accept this letter of support and enter it into the public record.

In a press release issued last week, a copy of which is attached, the Committee of Seventy condemned the BRT's failure to extend the memorandum of understanding with the mayor as the "clearest evidence yet that they do not have the interests of Philadelphians at heart." Today's legislation is an appropriate and well-deserved response to the BRT's continued defiance. We urge prompt passage so that the amended ordinance can go into effect immediately.

Thank you for allowing the Committee of Seventy to submit this letter.

Sincerely,  
Zachary Stalberg  
President and CEO