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September 29, 2014

To: All Republican Senators
From: Senator Dominic Pileggi 
Re: Enclosed Letter

Enclosed for your information is a letter I received from Senator Scott Wagner on Friday, September 26.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Enclosure

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September 26, 2014

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Hand delivered - Harrisburg Capitol Building Office

Senator Dominic Pileggi
Senate Majority Leader
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Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator Pileggi:

As a professional courtesy, I am writing to you, and allowing you to respond, before sharing this letter with others. The bottom line is this: I have concluded that it is not in the best interest of Pennsylvanians for you to continue as Senate Majority Leader.

"Leader" means to lead a team, provide vision, and formulate strategy. As Senate Majority Leader, your job has been to work with other members of the Senate to facilitate important legislation for the benefit of all Pennsylvanians. During my short time in the Senate, it has become all too clear to me that you have used your power to obstruct the legislative process, frustrate the Republican Caucus' agenda, and prevent Pennsylvania from moving forward.

Unfortunately, I can cite far too many specific examples to support my conclusion. In return for Republican support of the Philadelphia Cigarette Tax, you effectively precluded me and other Republican Senators from having a meaningful opportunity to negotiate with the Democratic Caucus before allowing this piece of legislation onto the floor for a vote. Recently, you gave Senator Brubaker the run-around to avoid bringing Senate Bill 1336 to the floor for a vote. It is obvious that you are intentionally blocking this bill because you do not want to give Governor Corbett any victories. In addition, since April, I have observed multiple instances when two-thirds or more of our members wanted to see a piece of legislation go to the floor for an up or down vote. You have made it clear to me and other Caucus members that we don't do up or down votes. You also have worked to avoid a vote on the paycheck protection bill, a matter about which I care deeply.

Tellingly, during my time serving in the Senate, neither you nor your staff has approached me directly to ask my opinion or willingness to vote on any pending legislation.

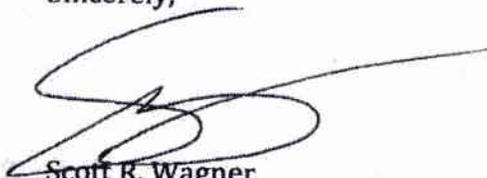
Only you know your true motives. However, I suspect many of your actions can be explained by the company you keep. On Sunday, May 18, 2014, the Philadelphia Inquirer published an article - "How Electricians' Union Became Huge Force in PA Elections." Contained within the article was a chart titled "Local 98's \$100,000 Club." You are listed ninth on the list having received \$175,000, close behind President Obama and seven other Democrats. I believe you have compromised yourself by accepting such a substantial amount of money from Local 98. It has become crystal clear to me that you will not allow any piece of legislation onto the floor for a vote that would in any way be opposed by the public or private sector unions.

By prohibiting important legislation from advancing to the floor for a vote, it is apparent to me, that you are the number one obstacle in the Senate.

I want to be clear and express to you openly and directly that I support a change in leadership. Contrary to past and current practices in Harrisburg, I am expressing my opinion in writing to you, rather than engage in back-stabbing and lies.

I would appreciate a response by Friday, October 3rd.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott R. Wagner". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "S" and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott R. Wagner
Senator
28th Senate District
York County, PA