



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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THE GOVERNOR

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TO THE HONORABLE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill 140, Printer's Number 3601.

This legislation, which requires a special prosecutor to be appointed in Philadelphia, continues the General Assembly's record of politicizing crime and supporting local control until they disagree with local policies. This bill usurps the will of the voters to elect their own district attorney and local law enforcement to address crime in the local community based on local circumstances and policies.

I urge the General Assembly to listen and engage with local communities to discuss crime and violence prevention policies to keep Pennsylvanians safe, including common-sense gun violence prevention.

Finally, I supported the original version of this bill that would have allowed for parking protected bike lanes across the commonwealth, which have a demonstrated public health and safety benefit of saving lives, reducing traffic and emissions, and making communities more equitable and livable. I encourage the General Assembly to pass the original version of this bill so communities can incorporate parking protected bike lanes into their planning initiatives.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 140, Printer's Number 3601.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Wolf".

TOM WOLF
Governor