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To: County Council Members

Public Comment for Work Session 1/25/22

Re: Ethics Commission Findings and Recommendation

I am the citizen who filed the complaint with the Ethics Commission. I filed it prior to my being a member of the Board of Elections. I was present (virtually) during the meeting in which this happened and was appalled at what I witnessed. This incident was the catalyst in my decision to apply for the chair position on the Board.

I agree with the Ethics Commission's findings and recommendation of censure and a fine for Councilman Steve Urban. They are justified and necessary.

It is very concerning that a county council person openly violated the county charter and ethics code in the manner he did (accepting a chairmanship seat on the county Board of Elections). The charter framers put protections in the charter & code of ethics to prevent this type of abuse of power by elected officials. He knowingly overstepped his authority as a council person.

In the interest of all the citizens of Luzerne County, emphasis must be placed on protecting and maintaining the integrity, soundness and incorruptibility of the Board of Elections.

Sincerely,

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