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As a former member of County Council, I strongly support the resolutions that would declare vacant the two Republican election board member seats and the appointment of Stephen J. Urban as Chair of the Election Board. In 2010, as a result of the corruption that plagued the county, the people of Luzerne County passed the Home Rule Charter. The Charter was designed specifically to prevent the kind of blatant conflict of interest that we witnessed when Dombroski-Gebhardt and Gould appointed Stephen J. Urban as Chair of the Election Board while he still served as a member of county council.

By making that appointment over the objection of the county solicitor, Dombroski-Gebhardt and Gould willfully and knowingly violated sections of the charter, and both need to be removed from the Election Board immediately. Just as clearly, Stephen J. Urban knowingly and willfully violated his oath of office pledging to uphold the Luzerne County Charter and, as such, I believe the proper thing would be for Mr. Urban to resign from county council.

I cannot recall any other time that a member of the Luzerne County Council has so publicly violated their oath of office as Mr. Urban has with this openly brazen act. As long as our local public officials continue to act in bad faith, Luzerne County will be unable to reverse its reputation of being a hotbed of corruption.

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