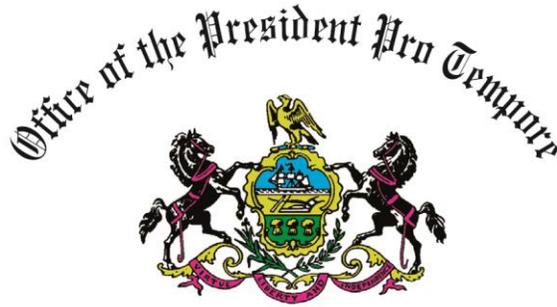


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Re: Impeachment of Philadelphia DA Larry Krasner

Dear Speaker Cutler, Leader Benninghoff and Chairman Kauffman:

In the interest of curbing the lawlessness and current surge in violent crimes in the City of Philadelphia, I am requesting the House of Representatives begin impeachment proceedings against Philadelphia County District Attorney Larry Krasner using the House of Representatives' authority under Article XI § 4 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

The recent spike in violent crime is a direct result of DA Krasner's failed policies and his refusal to perform the duties of his office to hold criminals accountable for the crimes that they commit. His decision to allow more and more criminals to walk free through plea deals and dismissed charges has created an environment in which Philadelphians are no longer safe in their own homes and communities.

Crime statistics under DA Krasner's tenure in office are extremely alarming:

- In 2021, Philadelphia set an all-time record for homicides, with more than 550 Pennsylvanians killed in the City last year alone.
- Although police made the highest number of arrests last year for violent gun crimes since 2015, according to the [Philadelphia Citizen](#), the DA's own data shows that his office has withdrawn or dismissed more violent gun cases every single year he has been in office.
- Since 2015, just 21 percent of shootings in the City have led to criminal charges.
- Of that 21 percent, less than one-tenth of the cases have resulted in a conviction.

Our own colleagues in the General Assembly are not immune to this epidemic of violence. Senator Sharif Street's family suffered a terrible tragedy in July when his cousin was murdered. His office was also struck by bullets during another shooting last month. In addition, Representative Mary Gay Scanlon was carjacked at gunpoint in December.

Despite the recent crime wave, DA Krasner has not accepted responsibility for his failure to prosecute criminals, nor has he taken any new steps to keep dangerous criminals behind bars. As recently as last month, he shockingly insisted at a press conference that the city did not have a crisis of lawlessness.

As elected officials of this Commonwealth, we cannot turn a blind eye to DA Krasner's clear dereliction of duty. Meaningful action must be taken to restore a sense of security to the communities and families that have been negatively impacted by his negligence.

I know that you share these concerns for the well-being of Pennsylvanians, as well as a genuine interest in promoting safer communities. City residents deserve a DA who prioritizes people and public safety above all else.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated. Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



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