

To: All Council Members

From: Councilman Bill Greenlee and Councilwoman Cindy Bass

Re: Amendments to Bill 180888

Attached are amendments we are going to be presenting at tomorrow's Council session regarding Bill number 180888 which addresses the addiction crisis in Philadelphia. Here is a brief synopsis of those amendments:

Expands exclusion for conventions to address concerns raised by the Philadelphia Convention and Visitor's Bureau

The proposed amendment includes language recommended by PHLCVB and utilized by the convention industry to ensure all conventions, including those that are not organized through PHLCVB, are exempted from all requirements in the bill.

Accepts several changes proposed by pharmaceutical manufacturers

The proposed amendments address several concerns raised by drug manufacturers, including: 1) clarifying that consulting contracts between pharmaceutical companies and physicians are not considered gifts, 2) narrowing the requirement to health care practitioners physically located and regularly practicing in Philadelphia, 3) narrowing the requirements to interactions between sales representatives and health care practitioners that occur in person, and 4) ensuring that materials provided to the health department are treated as confidential under state law.

Narrows the scope of the bill to only the most dangerous drugs

The proposed bill is now limited to only controlled substances and other psychoactive medications, which are recognized to pose the greatest risk to individuals and public health. This narrows the list of medications covered by the bill by approximately 85%.

Let us emphasize once again that we cannot limit this bill just to opioids. As Dr. Patrick Brennan, Chief Medical officer for the University of Pennsylvania Health System stated in a *Inquirer* Op-Ed that we distributed yesterday, putting such a limit is "short-sighted and dangerous." The object of the bill is to try to get ahead of future addiction issues.

We feel we have addressed any reasonable concerns opponents of the bill have expressed, but we will not delay it any longer. The issue is too urgent and important.

We ask for your support for these amendments tomorrow and your vote for amended bill next week.

As always, we are available to answer any questions or concerns.