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# LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

## Secretary-Treasurer Daniel Grace, Principal Officer of Teamsters Local 830 to Testify Before the PA Senate Local Government Committee Hearing on Philadelphia Beverage Tax

### Stand with our Teamsters that are losing their jobs because of a job killing beverage tax

PA Conference of Teamsters Trustee Daniel Grace will be testifying on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 before the PA Senate on the issue of the Philadelphia Beverage Tax.

Brother Grace, who is also Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local Union No. 830 in Philadelphia and Vice President of Teamsters Joint Council No. 53, also located in Philadelphia, has relentlessly fought this beverage tax and lead the charge to kill this job destroying, economically destructive tax since it was enacted.

In an article that was published in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* © Brother Grace stated that “the job loss carnage I predicted long ago has hit my union with a vengeance — 155 of my hard-working members of Teamsters Local 830 have been laid off because of tanking sales of beverages in the city due to this onerous tax. That’s 155 Philadelphia families who are now struggling to make ends meet.” “And that’s just our job losses; there have

undoubtedly been hundreds of additional layoffs at the beverage companies, supermarkets, and convenience stores throughout the city, just as predicted,” added Brother Grace.

Brother Grace concluded “that Teamsters Local 830 and our beverage-industry partners hope to prevail in court and kill this tax.”

Please support Brother Grace and our Brothers and Sisters that are being harmed by this beverage tax by writing to Mayor of Philadelphia, Jim Kenney at City Hall-Office 215- Philadelphia, PA 19107 and tell him you are strongly opposed to this beverage tax and it should be eliminated. Also, contact your PA elected Senators and Representatives and tell them to support the hard-working women and men in Philadelphia by standing with them and sending a letter to Philadelphia Mayor Kenney opposing this unnecessary Philadelphia job destroying beverage tax.

# Lawsuit challenging GOP-favored voting maps to get quick hearing

By [Michael Rubinkam](#) The Associated Press October 14, 2017

According to the article posted by the Patriot News©/Associated Press© [as the U.S. Supreme Court considers a case](#) that could change how political maps are drawn nationwide, a new lawsuit aimed at reshaping Pennsylvania's congressional districts before the 2018 midterm election is speeding toward trial.

According to the article, the federal lawsuit, filed earlier this month, alleges that majority Republicans in the state Legislature drew congressional maps that give the GOP an unconstitutional partisan advantage at election time. Republicans won 13 of 18 congressional

seats in the 2014 and 2016 elections despite earning a little over 50 percent of the vote.

An appointee of Republican President George W. Bush, Senior Judge Michael Baylson, has signaled he wants to proceed quickly, scheduling trial for Dec. 5.

Pennsylvania is considered to be a heavily gerrymandered state. Its congressional maps show one of "the most extreme levels of partisan bias" in the nation, according to a 2017 study published by the Brennan Center at New York University School of Law. The Brennan Center opposes gerrymandering, the manipulation of legislative boundaries for the benefit of one political party over the other. To view and read entire article go to:

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