Testimony for the June 23, 2017 Beverage Tax Hearing

My name is Jerome Bordelon. I am a resident of Philadelphia, a registered Democrat and, most

importantly, a voter in every election for well over two decades.

I am opposed to Mayor Kenney's soda tax, which I have observed has eliminated both business

and jobs at my local ShopRite. I know this because I, too, shop outside the city now for many of my

groceries because I refuse to be extorted by Kenney and Company into paying double for sweetened

drinks of all types.

I look forward to addressing this concern in the voting booth in the future when the Mayor and

the at-large members of city council are running for re-election. Until then, please note my vehement

and ongoing objection to the soda tax.

Thank you.

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