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WHEREAS, the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act stands to greatly increase economic opportunity in America and empower workers through the promotion and expansion of collective bargaining; and,

WHEREAS, the PRO Act is the most significant worker empowerment legislation since the Great Depression, as it stands to give workers a free and fair choice on whether to form a union, ensure workers can reach a first contract quickly after a union is recognized, end employers' practice of punishing striking workers by hiring permanent replacements, and hold corporations accountable with real penalties for illegally retaliating against workers who organize; and,

WHEREAS, the PRO Act will help make America's economy work for working people, and help raise stagnant wages that have only increased a mere 9% from 1973 to 2013, while productivity has increased 74% over that same time period; and,

WHEREAS, through the expansion of collective bargaining under the PRO Act, there will be increases in pay and protections for women, people of color, immigrants, and the LGBTQ community in areas where our non-discrimination laws are still falling short; and,

WHEREAS, America must build back better with unions by making the PRO Act the law of the land, increasing worker power and rebuilding our economy fairly for all of us; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby express its support for the PRO Act which stands to greatly increase economic opportunity in America and empower workers through the promotion and expansion of collective bargaining; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Will of Council shall be presented to the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh.