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Good morning, Mr. Clerk,

First, I want to express my gratitude to you for your work to support the Charter Review Commission. I know it's an additional item to your responsibilities. I am also grateful to everyone on the CRC for their willingness to serve our community.

While I will have additional comments for the CRC when Council attends a meeting of the Commission, I did want to add a quick comment/thought as a follow-up to the message from Vice Chair Wester. I appreciate her efforts to address this issue. As a preliminary matter, I am supportive of standardizing the qualifications for office for Mayor, City Attorney, and Council. My broad commentary is that we should follow the lead of our founders and keep the requirements to a minimum and allow voters to decide who should represent them. Additionally, I would encourage the CRC to examine the language regarding secondary public offices. As was noted by former City Attorney Mularski during Council discussions following the last CRC process, the then-recommended change would only impact those public roles "in conflict" with Council duties. In my opinion, I believe the conflict language for all elected offices should be streamlined to reduce redundancy and avoid potential future conflicts. As has historically been noted, for example, many attorneys (and others) are notaries public - a public office. Additionally, many elected officials are appointed to other public boards and commissions. While I recall Mr. Mularski's then-call out regarding notaries public, I believe a streamline or clean-up may be appropriate as the language may be redundant. For the CRC's awareness, the Ohio Attorney General already publishes a list of public offices and their compatibility with other public offices. That list is available at <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/About-AG/Service-Divisions/Opinions/Compatibility-of-Public-Offices-or-Positions>.

Again, I am grateful to the CRC for their efforts and their examination of this issue.

Sincerest thanks,

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