

## Legislation Text

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**TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA:**

I am hereby returning without my signature Bill No. 180504, which was passed by Council at its session on October 4, 2018. This bill would authorize the Director of Finance to provide funding to help offset the cost of insurance premiums for qualified Registered Community Organizations (RCO). Over the past several months, my administration has engaged with City Council around the topic of RCO Reform. There are many incredible, professional, and well run RCOs throughout the City of Philadelphia, but there are a number of RCOs that are not. We believe that only through extensive reforms and professionalization can we ensure that every neighborhood, regardless of economic stability, has a well-functioning RCO. Unfortunately, this legislation came before these reforms could even be discussed by all of the relevant stakeholders. Until there is meaningful reform for RCO, we cannot subsidize the cost of their insurance. For these reasons, I am returning without my signature, Bill No. 180504.

Respectfully,

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