

While I was flattered by The Inquirer's editorial Sunday on ("Who's the boss?") proclaiming the political power I supposedly wield, what the editorial had to say regarding the continuation of deferred-retirement-program benefits for city police officers was inaccurate.

Even the much-heralded and now thoroughly discredited Boston College study acknowledged that the DROP program has not substantively affected the retirement age of Philadelphia police officers - the key economic factor in the DROP program. The Bolton study of February 2011 makes clear that the participation of Philadelphia police officers in DROP may actually save the city some money. Finally, at last week's hearing before City Council, the Bolton Partners spokesman admitted that no part of the cost of DROP can be attributed to Philadelphia police officers.

There exists no rational basis to deprive Philadelphia police officers of a pension benefit that works both to their advantage and to that of the public.

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