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*PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY LYNNE ABRAHAM FLIPS
FOR TONY PACKO'S PICKLES*

Philadelphia---District Attorney Lynne M. Abraham today signed the famous Tony Packo's Hotdog Bun to declare her love for Tony Packo's Sweet Hots and Hungarian Peppers.

"These are the best pickles we've ever taken into custody," said the D.A. "We need these pickles in Philadelphia."

It all started on a Saturday morning back in March of this year when the District Attorney and her husband, Frank Ford, were at Philadelphia's Reading Terminal Market, the famous Philadelphia farmer's market where D.A. Abraham and her husband have coffee with their friends every Saturday morning. As usual, Anthony and Tom, 'The Terminal Guys,' were there handing out food samples. One of them handed the D.A. a jar of pickles and said, "Here Lynne. Eat these. You'll love them."

The D.A. and her husband took the jar of pickles home, and when her husband tasted them, he flipped and insisted that the D.A. drop what she was doing and taste the pickles, which she did, and she flipped, too. (It's important to note that Philadelphia is one of the great 'food cities' of the United States, and Philadelphians have a reputation for being a VERY tough crowd, and they are NOT easily impressed.)

But she was impressed, and she went on a mission to find Tony Packo's Pickles. When she could not find the pickles locally, she emailed Tony Packo to plead her case directly to him. Within a half-hour, Tony Packo called her personally and insisted on sending a case of pickles to her at the District Attorney's Office. His only request was that she sign the Hotdog Bun and return it to him for his restaurant, which she did. She also extended an open invitation to Tony to join her for a Philadelphia cheesesteak and a soft pretzel the next time he is in Philadelphia.

"If I'm ever in Toledo," said District Attorney Abraham, "my first stop will be Tony Packo's."