

# MEMORANDUM

February 2, 2011

**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Representative Paul Costa

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Legislation – **Red Light Cameras**  
**[Prior HB2498]**

In the near future, I will be re-introducing legislation to expand the option of using automated red light cameras to second class and second class A cities (Pittsburgh and Scranton) and to all third class cities.

A recent study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety concludes that red light cameras have reduced the rate of fatal crashes by 24 percent in 14 large cities that introduced the cameras between 1996 and 2004 and the automated red-light enforcement system has been very successful in Philadelphia. Expanding its use to all second class, second class A and third class cities would enhance highway safety efforts across the Commonwealth.

The legislation would only be applicable to intersections agreed upon by the locally-appointed system administrator and the Secretary of Transportation. Cities that opt-in would be required to post notices of red-light system locations for all area residents.

If you are interested in cosponsoring this legislation, please call my office at 3-1914 (Ext. 6194) or e-mail [pkieres@pahouse.net](mailto:pkieres@pahouse.net).