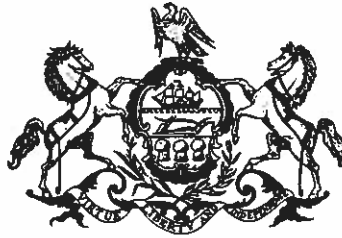


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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 4, 2011

TO: All House Members and Legislative Assistants

FROM: Representative Tony Payton, Jr.

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation: Exempting Buses from Automated Red Light Enforcement Systems in Cities of the First Class.

In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation exempting buses from automated red light enforcement systems in cities of the first class.

In addition to serving the surrounding region, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) operates buses between over 8,000 stops in the city of Philadelphia. The average length of a SEPTA bus is 40 feet and some articulated models are 60 feet long. As such, these vehicles require more time to navigate a tight city intersection, particularly during rush hours. Consequently, a bus can be stuck in an intersection when a light turns red, triggering a red light camera. Clearly, these occurrences are not violations the cameras are meant to enforce.

Should you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Tajuanna Franklin at tfranklin@pahouse.net or 717.787.1354 (Caucus extension 6365).