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The Honorable Chairman Markosek  
Room 314 Irvis Office Building  
PO Box 202025  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2025

Dear Chairman Markosek,

I am pleased to offer my support of two very important pieces of legislation currently assigned to your Committee in the House of Representatives.

The first is House Bill 1690, sponsored by State Representative Tony Payton. As you are aware, House Bill 1690 will extend the automated red light enforcement system in Philadelphia to the year 2010. This program has been tremendously successful and has reduced the number of accidents along Roosevelt Boulevard by impressive numbers. We must maintain this program to continue to improve our public safety efforts.

Secondly is House Bill 1559, sponsored by State Representative George Kenney. Based on the success of the automated red light enforcement system, Representative Kenney has realized that the safety of our residents must be taken to the next step, which is automated speed enforcement. While the automated red light enforcement addresses problem intersections, there are many long stretches of highway that need enforcement from drivers using excessive speed.

Both of these programs have been utilized in other states and have saved many lives. Please allow us to continue the successful red light enforcement and to implement the automated speed enforcement in order to maintain the protection of our citizens.

Thank you for your continued leadership on transportation issued in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Best regards,

  
Councilman James F. Kenney

CC: State Representative Tony Payton  
State Representative George Kenney