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Testimony of State Rep. Peter Villano
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Senator DeFronzo, Representative Guerrero and members of the Transportation Committee.

For the record I am State Representative Peter Villano of Hamden, here to speak in support of Committee Bill 149, "An Act Concerning the Installation of Red Light Cameras by Municipalities."

I wish to thank Sen. DeFronzo for introducing and the committee for raising this legislation for today's public hearing.

The use of another enforcement tool to deter red-light running by impatient or careless drivers is welcomed by municipal and traffic officials responsible for public safety. Among its strongest adherents are medical and hospital personnel who must treat the victims of careless disregard of our traffic laws.

I believe many municipalities will adopt an ordinance along with enforcement and hearing procedures authorized by this proposed bill. Camera enforcement of red-light running is currently employed in 17 states and in the District of Columbia involving more than 100 municipalities and county jurisdictions.

Use of this traffic calming and traffic safety device is endorsed by the Federal Highway Administration and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, both of which have extensive data on its efficacy.