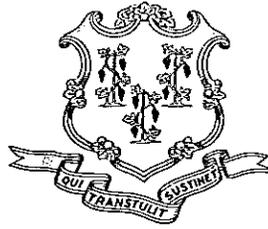


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Good morning Senator DeFronzo, Representative Guerrera and members of the Transportation Committee. I would like to express my support for SB 345 , AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO CONDUCT A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE USE OF AUTOMATED TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL ENFORCEMENT DEVICES AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS.

This legislation would allow municipalities to install automated red light cameras to assist in traffic law enforcement and deter motor vehicle operators from violating traffic signals. Again this year, a significant number of New Haven constituents have contacted me in favor of this legislation. I share with these constituents a serious concern regarding safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists, since police officers in New Haven are often occupied with other pressing issues and do not always have the time or resources to monitor traffic routinely. The New Haven Police Department has expressed strong and enthusiastic support for this proposal. I am pleased that you have raised a bill to address this important matter, and I look forward to working with you to balance the significant safety concerns of these constituents with the due process rights of all citizens.