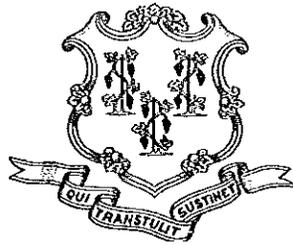


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Senate Co-Chair Andrew Maynard  
House Co-Chair Representative Tony Guerrero  
Transportation Committee  
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Dear Chairs, Vice Chairs, Ranking Members and Members of the Transportation Committee:

***Testimony in Support of: SB-822, An Act Authorizing The Use of Photographic Traffic Enforcement Technology***

Good afternoon, I want to thank Co-Chairs Maynard and Guerrero, Vice Chairs Duff and Mikutel, Ranking Members Boucher and Scribner, as well as distinguished members of the Transportation Committee for the opportunity to testify on behalf of: ***SB-822, An Act Authorizing The Use of Photographic Traffic Enforcement Technology***

This legislation responds to a crisis in traffic safety, and is not a merely a means to increase revenue.

The goals of this bill are to reduce the frequency and severity of traffic accidents by providing traffic law enforcement with a new resource that will allow for more efficient use of law enforcement time. Moreover, public polls consistently show strong public demand for photographic traffic enforcement technology because it will save dozens of lives, prevent severe injuries, and make communities friendlier for drivers, bicyclers, and pedestrians alike.

Furthermore, the increased demand for red light cameras is exhibited by the fact that an increasing number of cities and states are implementing the technology. This technology includes safeguards to prevent misuse, and is intended to offer each municipality another instrument to make their streets safer for their community.

Thank you again for you affording me the opportunity to speak before the Committee on this matter and in advance for your consideration of this important legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary D. LeBeau".

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