



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

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Transportation Committee  
Room 2300, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

**Testimony in support of Raised Bill No. 5458 and the use of red light safety cameras to make Connecticut's intersections safer for cyclists and pedestrians**

Dear Chairman Maynard, Chairman Guerrero, and members of the Transportation Committee:

Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board supports Raised Bill No. 5458 which would enable Connecticut municipalities to utilize automated red light cameras to improve the safety of intersections for motor vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

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We are concerned with the ubiquitous nature of red light running. We all know of dangerous intersections in our home towns, busy intersections where drivers regularly run red lights, putting the lives of other drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians at risk.

According to Connecticut Department of Transportation statistics, over the past 10 years there have been an average of over 35 pedestrian and 5 cyclists deaths. These statistics are unacceptable and that is why the Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board supports the use of red light cameras. Their use has been proven to reduce serious accidents, save lives, and change drive behavior.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the use of red light safety cameras in large U.S. cities saved 159 lives and reduced the rate of fatal red light running crashes by 35 percent

Sincerely

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