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TOWN OF SHARON
OFFICE OF SELECTMEN

Thursday, March 3, 2016

RE: S.B. No. 332 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT DEVICES

Thank you for considering my Testimony.

Speeding has been a huge issue here in Sharon since I've been in office and it's not just one or two roads, it's most of them.

I understand that a State-wide Photo Enforcement Law is a lot to ask for and so I won't ask for that. What I would like to explore is using Sharon as a testing ground for this type of "speed management". If possible, a special law like S.B. No. 332, that would allow Sharon to test the effectiveness of Xerox's Photo Enforcement system on several roads in Town would be deeply appreciated.

The Speed Enforcement Pilot plan would be used on Calkinstown Road, White Hollow Road, Sharon Valley Road and Sharon Station Road. Funds generate by this Pilot program would go directly to the Town's General Fund for future road improvements and maintenance. If successful we would expand the program to other areas of Town.

The benefit (I see), for the State, would be the opportunity to get a sense of how effective and profitable a photo enforcement program may or may not be... without much fanfare given the remote location it's being tested in.

And, should it work and prove to be profitable we will have created a new source of revenue for the State and municipalities while increasing road safety at the same time.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Brent M. Colley
First Selectman, Sharon, Connecticut

*Attached is a scan of my correspondence with Xerox in 2015 that includes information about Maryland's success with the system.