

Transportation Committee

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Connecticut General Assembly

Legislative Office Building, Room 2300

Hartford, CT 06106

Subject: Testimony in support of S.B. No. 388 & H.B. NO. 5391 for Public Hearing that was held on March 14, 2018

To <tratestimony@cga.ct.gov>

Dear Members of transportation Committee,

Ref. S.B. No. 388 (To establish a pilot program for speed detecting cameras and to erect speed warning signs on a portion of Interstate 95):

Our roads are the safest when all vehicles are going at the same reasonable speed. Our roads need more enforcement and we can't afford to do it with manned vehicles. Cameras would ensure that there is uniform enforcement for all vehicles without greater enforcement cost. I am aware there is this type of enforcement in Germany (I believe also present in other states) and there is greater compliance with speed limits with cameras and warning signs. I believe the fines should be kept low (\$20) with then possibly going up for multiple infractions. I believe that enforcement cameras should also be used for stop lights with low fines. **Photo enforcement is also much safer because there are no stopped vehicles.**

Ref. H.B. 5391: (To require the Commissioner of Transportation to conduct studies and satisfy other requirements pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act for the purposes of developing electronic tolling systems on the highways of this state.)

I see Tolls as the only good way of paying for transportation by road users that is proportional to road use. In a short number of use years there will be a high proportion of electric vehicles (Plug in & all electric) which will result in a considerable reduction in revenue from gas taxes. To raise our gas taxes by an amount necessary to meet our transportation needs would be unfair to those with older vehicles causing them to pay a disproportionate amount of the revenue needed.

Respectfully yours,

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