

I write today to ask that you oppose S.B. 388 (speed cameras). For more than a decade, the Transportation Committee has rightfully ignored these schemes proposed by for profit camera operators under the guise of traffic safety. But as you know, the cameras are designed for only one purpose - to put money into the pockets of the camera operators (and insurance companies).

Traffic engineering studies have repeatedly called for raising antiquated speed limits to reflect actual driving conditions (known as the 85th percentile). This won't happen, but the next time you see a 25 mph sign, look at your own speedometer (uh-oh violation - up go your insurance rates).

As for any perceived state/municipal revenue, in addition to operation costs and fees, factor in the guaranteed increase in court costs and time generated by those pleading not guilty.

As I stated, your committee has always rejected these proposals (including so-called pilot programs (slippery slope)), and I ask that you do so again. Don't allow these profit driven companies to get a toe hold in our state.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

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