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Subject: Red Light Scameras...oops cameras

Hello Mary Lou,
Could you please enter this into the record as written testimony for the transportation committee hearing today. Thanks!

Dear Representatives,
Just so you know I took this from one of my tea party members (with his blessing of course). My husband and I are in complete agreement with the statement below. What's more, you do NOT have a revenue problem....YOU HAVE A SPENDING PROBLEM. Local government is just as out of control and I am sure are salivating at the prospect of being able to take even more money from the citizens they are supposed to serve with these red light cameras, even though they know they create dangerous conditions for drivers. It is simply shameful.

Red light cameras have little to do with safety, and a lot to do with raising revenue (and selling camera systems). Numerous studies and news reports from around the country over the past several years have indicated that red light cameras have actually resulted in INCREASED intersection accidents. Many jurisdictions are now removing the cameras after unsuccessful trials.

- 1) Ticket cameras do not improve safety.
- 2) There is no certifiable witness to the alleged violation.
- 3) Ticket recipients are not adequately notified.
- 4) The driver of the vehicle is not positively identified.
- 5) Ticket recipients are not notified quickly.
- 6) These devices discourage the synchronization of traffic lights.
- 7) Cameras do not prevent most intersection accidents.
- 8) There are better alternatives to cameras.
- 9) Ticket camera systems are designed to inconvenience motorists.
- 10) Taking dangerous drivers' pictures doesn't stop them.

For a full explanation of these ten points, visit the National Motorists Association site: <http://www.motorists.org/red-light-cameras/>

For these reasons, you should oppose passage of House Bills 4763 and 4762, which would legalize the use of red light cameras. We are also opposed to any attempt to raise more revenue via a gas tax. Cut the spending and fix the roads.

Sincerely,
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