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As the City of Albany has grown, the Albany Police Department and Public Works Department have grappled with the how to improve roadway safety with limited resources and personnel. The City of Albany is expected to reach 60,000 in population. Automated speed enforcement is a key technology that allows us to monitor and enforce driving laws with our limited resources. This is particularly important in our school zones. The Greater Albany Public Schools have 21 schools. We also have private schools. We do not currently have the staff or resources to monitor and mitigate speeds in those school zones. Passage of this bill will allow the City of Albany to have greater ability to improve safety in and around our schools and other areas where excessive speed creates an unreasonable danger to the community. Any revenue from this enforcement will help enhance safety in and around intersections, crosswalks, and street lighting, just to name a few. Two of the City of Albany Strategic Goals are having a Safe City and Great Neighborhoods. This bill will help us accomplish these goals. Please pass HB2095. I appreciate your time. Marcia Harnden, Chief of Police, City of Albany.