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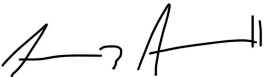
First, I want to thank each of you for your work on our behalf and for your time in helping improve our state. I am writing to you today on behalf of our city in support of House Bill 2095. As the mayor of the fourth-largest city in the state, I see daily the challenges we face relating to transportation and safety. And in an environment where cities are being asked to do more with fewer funds, we are constantly exploring ways to keep our cities safe while utilizing technology and innovation. House Bill 2095 represents an opportunity for the legislature to empower cities using photo radar and speed designation to improve safety.

Targeted automated speed enforcement will be essential for our city in keeping pedestrians and bicyclists safe. Using target automated speed enforcement will also allow us to have “eyes” monitoring key areas for traffic violations, which will free police personnel to attend to other crucial functions to keep Gresham safe.

An especially vulnerable population in our community is our children. In Gresham, we serve three dynamic and diverse school districts; Gresham-Barlow, Reynolds, and Centennial. During and after COVID-19, we have seen school zones and the surrounding areas become less safe due to speeding and less police presence. House Bill 2095 will empower our work at the City of Gresham while meeting our commitments with Safe Routes to Schools and keeping our children safe.

I fully support the passage of House Bill 2095 and urge its adoption as we all work to make our cities and towns safer!

Sincerely,



Travis Stovall

Mayor

City of Gresham