



March 12, 2024

The Honorable Robert E. Craven  
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: House Bill Number: H7748 Relating to Courts and Civil Procedure-Court- State and Municipal Court Compact

Dear Chairman Craven and Honorable Judiciary Committee Members,

I am writing to express our support for House Legislation H7748, which addresses courts and civil procedure—court—state and municipal court compact. This legislation represents a crucial step towards enhancing traffic safety and improving the quality of life for residents and businesses alike.

House Bill 7748 proposes the authorization of automated traffic violation monitoring systems for all traffic signal laws, including the enforcement of the "Don't Block the Box" statute. By leveraging camera technology similar to red light and speed cameras, this legislation aims to enforce existing laws effectively, thereby mitigating unsafe traffic conditions and promoting smoother traffic flow.

The utilization of automated traffic violation monitoring systems offers several benefits to our communities. First, it serves as a proactive measure to address the issue of traffic violations, particularly those related to blocking intersections. By capturing violations through camera technology, law enforcement can more efficiently identify and penalize offenders, discouraging reckless driving behaviors and promoting safer road practices.

Furthermore, House Bill 7748 provides jurisdictions with the necessary authority to enforce traffic signal laws, including the "Don't Block the Box" statute, within municipal courts as appropriate under the Municipal Court Compact. This streamlined approach ensures that violations are addressed promptly and efficiently, contributing to the overall effectiveness of traffic law enforcement.

Passing this legislation is essential for our cities and towns to continue progress in enhancing traffic safety and improving the quality of life for residents and businesses. By embracing technology and strengthening enforcement mechanisms, we can achieve significant improvements in traffic safety and enhance the overall well-being of our community.

On behalf of the League of Cities and Towns thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express our views.

Sincerely,

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Cc: House Judiciary Members  
Ernie Almonte, Executive Director, RILCT