

March 25, 2025

The Honorable Stephen M. Casey, Chair  
House Municipal Government and Housing  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: BILL NUMBER H-5951 – AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- AUTOMATED SAFETY ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2025

Dear Chair Casey and Honorable Committee Members,

On behalf of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, I am writing to express our strong support for House Bill 5951, a League priority, which enables municipalities to implement speed enforcement systems in designated safety zones outside of school zones, subject to local approval. This legislation is a critical step in enhancing public safety and reducing traffic violations across our communities.

The League and its municipal members recognize the ongoing concerns regarding speeding and reckless driving in densely populated and high-risk areas. By granting municipalities the authority to implement these enforcement measures in safety zones, this legislation will provide local governments with an effective tool to protect residents, pedestrians, and motorists alike. Automated speed enforcement has proven to be a deterrent against excessive speeding, reducing the likelihood of accidents and saving lives.

We appreciate Representative Scott Slater for sponsoring this important public safety initiative on behalf of our members. His commitment to fostering safer roadways across Rhode Island is commendable, and we respectfully urge support of H-5951, which enhances public safety and responsible governance.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. R. Rossi".

Randy R. Rossi  
Executive Director

Cc: Honorable Members of House Municipal Government and Housing