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Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson
Alaska State Senate
120 4th Street, Room 30
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: SB 235 – Automated Traffic Safety Cameras

Dear Senator Gray-Jackson:

For over four decades, AAA Alaska has served as a trusted resource on road safety and mobility. We write to express support for SB 235, as automated traffic enforcement can be a proven tool for saving lives.

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, red light cameras have reduced fatal red light running crash rates in large cities by 21 percent and the rate of all types of fatal crashes at signalized intersections by 14 percent. Further research demonstrates that these cameras significantly reduce the violent front-into-side collisions most associated with red-light running, while speed cameras consistently lower vehicle speeds, crashes, injuries, and fatalities.

While traditional law enforcement is imperative, officers cannot be at every intersection. Automated enforcement acts as a vital force multiplier, augmenting existing efforts by deterring dangerous driving behaviors. Because these systems do not require traffic stops, well-designed programs can improve safety in a manner that is neutral and beneficial to all road users.

To maintain public trust, automated enforcement programs must be data-driven and prioritize safety. Programs should be revenue-neutral or ensure that any generated funds are strictly earmarked for traffic safety improvements. Furthermore, successful implementation requires transparency and robust public information campaigns. We encourage communities to evaluate potential sites for camera placement and fine structures through the lens of racial and economic equity to ensure these tools serve all citizens fairly.

Improving road safety in Alaska requires a multifaceted approach. We believe SB 235 creates the framework for a well-regulated, safety-focused program that will reduce preventable tragedies. For these and other reasons, AAA Alaska supports SB 235. We look forward to continuing to work with you on this and other matters of mutual interest and concern.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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