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RE: HB 3438
Chief Sponsor: Representative Chris Gorsek, District 49

Dear Oregon Legislators,

I urge you to support the passage of HB 3438, which will permit any city to operate photo radar in a school zone while school is in session. This bill is important for the following reasons:

1. Student Safety. Speeding in a school zone is dangerous. Many of the schools within my district are on major thoroughfares with speed zones of up to 40 miles per hour. Drivers who do not slow down endanger children.

We support local law enforcement efforts to increase compliance of school zone speed limits. Reynolds' schools are five different municipalities, of which two are large and three are small. This bill is good because it creates an enforcement environment that is the same for all cities, not just the ten named locations. As all our schools should be treated equitably and offer the same high quality learning opportunities, all cities should have equal opportunity to enforce the law with the use of photo radar.

This bill also enables cities to use video components, which is a cost-effective way to deploy photo radar, utilizing video review. Our tax-paying patrons expect efficiency in our operations. I know if the video element is removed that the cities will not have adequate staffing to utilize this measure to make walking and biking to school safe for all students.

Please protect students and support HB3438.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Linda Florence", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Linda Florence
Superintendent

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