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Representative Chris Gorsek  
Oregon State Capitol Building  
900 Court St NE, H-486  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support of HB 3438 – Use of Photo Radar in School Zones

Dear Representative Gorsek:

We have reviewed the proposed HB 3438, which amends ORS 810.438 and 810.439 to allow the use of photo radar in school zones while schools are in session, and we are in support of this bill.

Keeping our 12,000 students, staff and community safe, in and around our school buildings, is of utmost importance to us; and we believe our efforts can be enhanced by the use of photo radar in school zones. This action further endorses the importance of drivers using the appropriate speed while driving in school zones. At our 19 schools, there are buses dropping off and picking up students several times throughout the day, some students are walking to their parents' cars, crossing streets to walk home, riding bicycles, or walking with parents pushing strollers. All of this adds to the need for drivers to obey speed limits and comply with posted restrictions.

We support the use of photo radar in school zones while schools are in session, and we do not see an adverse impact if this bill is passed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Schlachter  
Superintendent

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