

TO: House Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Chief Randy Sparacino

City of Medford Police Department

DATE: February 15, 2017

RE: Support for HB 2409

Thank you for the opportunity for the City Of Medford to express our support for HB 2409.

The Medford Police Department has been a participant in the Photo Red light enforcement program since its inception. We have found that this is an excellent tool for reducing accidents at intersections. That being said, there are some drivers who will speed through the clearing light (yellow light) at photo-enforced intersections in an attempt to ensure that they do not violate the red light. These individuals that speed through intersections in this fashion have a deleterious effect on the safety of others using the intersection and their speed can lead to accidents with other vehicles, pedestrians or cyclists.

There will be no direct financial impact for our agency's Photo Red Light enforced intersections to monitor speed at these intersections as the infrastructure already can monitor speed through the intersection.

Our department supports the inclusion of speed enforcement at photo red light enforced intersections to help deter drivers from speeding through these intersections and to enhance the safety of other drivers, pedestrians, and cyclist at said intersections.