

Office of Mayor Remy Drabkin

January 31, 2023

Co-Chair Senator Gorsek
Co-Chair Representative McLain
Co-Vice Chare Senator Boquist
Co-Vice Chare representative Boshart Davis
Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Honorable Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair McLain, Vice-Chair Boqusit, and Vice-Chair Boshart Davis,

I'm writing on behalf of the City of McMinnville in support of HB 2095, which would give McMinnville authority to use mobile or fixed photo radar to greatly improve traffic safety and reduce vehicle crashes in our community. Our City has discussed the benefits of this type of enforcement for years, yet cities such as ours have been left out of funding opportunities, and do not have the benefit of the use of this technology due to state statutes.

There has long been a discussion about the effectiveness of photo radar and the reduction of incidences of vehicle crashes and improved compliance with speed limits. With the resources of our McMinnville Police Department and law enforcement resources around the state already stretched thin, the passage of HB 2095 would provide our City the ability to increase our traffic safety effectiveness, while deploying our resources in a way that effectively provides public safety services to all our citizens. Lastly, allowing cities the ability to expand speed setting from 5 to 10 MPH provides cities more flexibility and local control for long-standing issues within individual communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Remy Drabkin

Mayor

City of McMinnville