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I am writing this letter in support of HB 2095. Transportation safety is a critical priority to our small town of Independence. I chair our cities traffic safety committee, and regularly review all accidents within our jurisdiction. Speed is one of the greatest factors that determines whether an accident will result in injuries or not. Between staff reductions and the amount of time dedicated to other aspects of policing today, speed enforcement through traditional traffic stops has lessened, as has the impact traditional speed enforcement had at reducing speed. I support this bill, and the option it presents for all cities in Oregon to utilize fixed or portable photo radar as an additional tool in their endeavor to reduce speeds in their communities. Slower speeds save lives and reduce injuries.

I also support increasing the local speed setting authority in all Oregon cities from a maximum of 5 MPH to a maximum of 10 MPH on local streets. Placing this authority with the local jurisdictions allows for thoughtful, strategic planning as we seek to develop the safest transportation system possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Mason  
Chief of Police  
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