



March 22, 2022

Representative Jamie Long
517 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: HF 4242 (Long)-- Speed safety camera pilot program, petty misdemeanor penalty imposed, reports required, and money appropriated

Dear Representative Long,

On behalf of the League of Minnesota Cities, a statewide organization representing 837 of Minnesota's 854 cities, thank you for authoring HF 4242, a bill that would authorize a speed safety camera pilot program. The League of Minnesota Cities has long supported authority for local law enforcement agencies to implement photo enforcement technology to enforce traffic laws.

Drivers who disobey traffic laws can cause serious accidents, compromising the safety of all users of the right-of-way, including pedestrians. In spite of the severity of this problem, cities cannot always afford the levels of peace officer enforcement that residents demand. The technology exists to enforce traffic laws with photographic evidence and this technology should be strategically deployed to enhance public safety.

This bill is a logical step in expanding the use of technology to conduct traffic enforcement. Since the legislation provides for a pilot program and calls for an independent evaluation of the pilot program, it will allow the Legislature to carefully contemplate the public policy ramifications of expanding photo enforcement authority more broadly. The League supports passage of HF 4242.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Finn".

Anne Finn
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