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The Honorable George Kenney State Representative Emeritus

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Dear Director Rowe:

I am writing to comment on the Department of Transportation's proposed rulemaking regarding "Transportation Enhancement Grants from Automated Red Light Enforcement Systems Revenues," published at 39Pa. B 4435 on Saturday, August 1, 2009.

As the State Representative (170th District) who sponsored the original legislation in 2001 authorizing the use of automated red light cameras along Roosevelt Boulevard in the City of Philadelphia, I am writing to object to the part of the proposed rule that funding derived from penalties assessed against drivers violating traffic rules at designated intersections in Philadelphia may be spent for highway improvement projects anywhere in the state. The intent of the legislation was that fines would be put into the Pa. Motor License Fund spent on making Roosevelt Boulevard safer. I worked with Federal, State, and City transportation officials to create a Route 1/Boulevard Task Force for the sole purpose of recommending improvements (and paying for them) along this dangerous highway that would make pedestrian and vehicle traffic safer.

The City of Philadelphia added city intersections to the automated red light camera program at the urging of consumers, elected officials, and public safety advocates. The highway enhancement grants should be focused on making improvements to roadways where the fines are generated – Philadelphia.

Again, I object to the Department's idea of spending funds derived solely from Philadelphia based violators to other jurisdictions throughout the Commonwealth. I support using transportation enhancement funds for Philadelphia pedestrian and vehicle safety improvements.

All the best,

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