



The Honorable Greg Rothman
Pennsylvania Senate, 168 Main Capitol Building Box
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Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Senate Bill 459, Municipal Use of Police Radar Dear

Senator Rothman,

I am writing on behalf of Lemoyne Borough Council and Lemoyne Borough to support the renewed effort to allow municipal police departments to use speed radar. The West Shore Regional Police Department, which Lemoyne Borough shares with Wormleysburg, has also endorsed this action to promote safer vehicle operations in both communities.

Allowing police departments to use radar would provide numerous benefits to local communities. More accurate speed enforcement can help to limit serious or fatal accidents on local roads, which accounts for approximately 30% of all fatal crashes in the Commonwealth. This newer technology also helps to limit the human error that has occurred using old-style VASCAR and timing devices, which are often limited due to specific placement guidelines.

Lemoyne Borough is a small community with some of the region's most critical crossroads, including State Routes 11-15 and many bridges and roads to nearby interstates. The traffic study done for the proposed I- 83 bridge tolling showed that travel in our area is made up primarily of non-resident drivers. Therefore, our residents are already paying more than their share of the cost to maintain safe traveling speeds.

Senator Rothman, we are grateful to you for your past and current leadership in this area. By supporting local police departments and public safety in general, you have shown a genuine understanding of the challenges created for police operations and the need to have modern tools to keep our roads and communities as safe as possible. Thank you for working to remedy this long-overdue situation.

Respectfully,

Gale Gallo, President
Lemoyne Borough Council