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The Honorable Wayne Langerholc
PA State Senate
PO Box 203035
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The Honorable Ed Neilson
PA State House
127 Irvis Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Eliminating the Sunset Dates of Act 86 of 2018

Dear Sen. Langerholc and Rep. Neilson,

I am writing in support of eliminating the sunset dates of Act 86 of 2018. In 2018, Act 86 established a five-year pilot program to install speed cameras on Roosevelt Boulevard in Philadelphia and in active work zones statewide. Historically, Roosevelt Boulevard has been the most dangerous roadway in Philadelphia, accounting for 14% of all crashes and 62 fatalities from 2014 to 2017. Since the installation of speed cameras, we have seen extraordinary results in reducing speeding, crashes, and fatalities and serious injuries.

- Roosevelt Boulevard saw 27% fewer fatal and serious injury crashes, relative to the rest of Philadelphia (2019-2021).
- Roosevelt Boulevard also saw 29% fewer speeding-related crashes relative to the rest of Philadelphia (2019-2021).
- Speeding violations along Roosevelt Boulevard fell 93% from the start of automated enforcement through 2021.

These results were published in the Pennsylvania State Transportation Advisory Committee's evaluation of the automated speed enforcement program on Roosevelt Boulevard, which endorsed the renewal and expansion of the program, citing the program's success. They also advised PennDOT's involvement in selecting expansion corridors, which I support in drafting legislation to expand the automated speed enforcement program in Philadelphia. Philadelphia is also prepared to fund and carry out public awareness campaigns about automated speed enforcement and its benefits, as well as support the reinvestment of funds gathered from speed cameras into improving roadway safety—both additional recommendations from the report.

Eliminating the sunset dates of Act 86 will ensure that the life-saving automated speed enforcement program on Roosevelt Boulevard continues. More lives will be saved by the expansion of automated speed enforcement to additional corridors in Philadelphia like Roosevelt Boulevard that experience a

disproportionate rate of speeding-related crashes and fatalities. Expanding the use of automated speed enforcement to appropriate locations citywide will enable the use of a critical tool for eliminating preventable deaths from traffic crashes on Philadelphia streets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Michael Carroll".

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