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County Executive Edward P. Mangano
Via Email Webmangano@nassaucountyny.gov

Nassau Legislature Presiding Officer Norma L. Gonsalvez
Via Email efries@nassaucountyny.gov

Re: School Speed Zone Cameras

Dear County Executive and Presiding Officer:

The process of placing speed cameras in Nassau school zones has been a debacle. No sooner was the system implemented than it was suspended because the conspicuous warning signage desired by the New York Legislature was not prominently displayed, as was provided for in the bill enacted by the Senate and Assembly and signed by the Governor. Then the program was reinstated without fair and reasonable notification to our citizens, again without appropriate systems to warn drivers.

Prominent warning signage is absolutely necessary to protect the lives and the safety of our school children and to protect our motorists from being unfairly targeted and ticketed. It now appears that the County lacks the funding to implement the warning signs. That is also unacceptable.

I urge that you both agree to fully suspend the program until such time as the county implements an adequate signage system conspicuously warning motorists they are approaching school zones. Failure to do so will be further proof that the program is not intended to protect our kids, but is instead designed solely to serve as a cash cow for the county.

Kindly advise as to your attitude at your very earliest possible convenience and thank you for your earnest consideration respecting this matter.

Sincerely,



Charles Lavine