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Statement by Senator Declan O'Scanlon, Jr. regarding S-460:

While I am very sorry I couldn't be at this committee meeting in person, I am thrilled this bill - the automated enforcement inoculation act - is due to be released today. New Jersey, along with 25 other states, wisely rejected the use of automated enforcement - speed and red light cameras - years ago. We did so because we recognized that this equipment makes no one any safer, but does serve to enrich the corrupt companies that peddle this nonsense as well as the governments, state and local, that permit the fleecing of their residents. To be clear, any elected official who supports these corrupt systems either is corrupt himself, or hasn't done his homework. There is no middle ground here.

Where there isn't outright corruption, in the form of bribes, there is the misrepresentation of the effectiveness of this equipment. There is no consistent safety benefit of speed or red light cameras in the states that permit them. On the contrary, there is every reason to believe there may be a net negative impact on safety where this equipment is deployed. Additionally, the significant financial impact, particularly on those on the lower end of the socio-economic spectrum, can be devastating. These systems are literal highway robbery.

Given these facts, there is absolutely no reason why New Jersey should be complicit in other states automated enforcement programs. This legislation will shield our residents from these corrupt, money-generating schemes.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Declan O'Scanlon, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Senator Declan O'Scanlon, Jr.