

**March 13, 2019**

**BILL NUMBER:** S.4331 (Gounardes)/ A6449 (Glick)

**TITLE OF BILL:** An act to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to photo speed violation monitoring systems in school speed zones in the city of New York.

**PURPOSE OF BILL:** This bill eliminates the limitations on the number of schools at which photo speed violation monitoring systems may be utilized and the times during which they may be operated; requires such city to install signs giving notice of the use of such a system.

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT:** Excessive motor vehicle speed was a factor in 29 percent of all fatal crashes in 2013, according to NHTSA. Excessive speed also is a deterrent to walking, bicycling, and other alternatives to driving, and thus it reduces the overall livability and safety in a neighborhood.

According to research by Transportation Alternatives, “Speeding kills more New Yorkers than drunk drivers and drivers on cell phones combined, and all pedestrians, especially children, are at a heightened risk of traumatic injury and death in speed-related crashes. Every day, New Yorkers are killed or seriously injured in traffic, and dangerous speeding is the primary cause. When struck by a car going 30 mph the average pedestrian is at a 45% risk of being killed. At 40 mph (15 mph over the speed limit) the risk increases to 85%. And starting at 50 mph the risk of death is considered to be nearly 100%.”

Surveys show that most Americans support the use of automated enforcement, especially on high-risk roads. While some may express concerns, including that cameras violate the right to privacy or that the cameras are put in place only to bring in revenues, privacy concerns can be addressed by capturing vehicle images rather than occupant images. Localities can also put in place a rational and transparent process for selecting the locations of the cameras, highlighting their use in increasing safety on high-risk roads which we believe this legislation does.

Drivers often worry that low-speed environments lead to traffic congestion and delay. But speed is not a good indicator of road capacity and travel time. As supporters of Vision Zero, AARP supports the use of speed enforcement technology and policies to eliminate roadway death and speed cameras are a proven tool to achieve that goal. AARP supports the expansion of this program that will include 750 school zones and 50 select “high crash” speed zones by 2022.

**For the above reasons, AARP strongly supports this legislation.**

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## **The #EverySchool Campaign to Expand NYC's Life-Saving Speed Camera Program**

Dear New York State Legislator,

On behalf of the EverySchool coalition we urge you to co-sponsor and pass **A6449/S4331** (Glick/Gounardes) this session, which will help bring the life-saving protection of speed cameras to students and neighborhoods throughout New York City - improving an already successful, but very limited, program. **2019 is the year to finally protect NYC schoolchildren with life-saving speed cameras!**

Between 2010 and 2014 more than 16,000 people were either killed or severely injured in traffic on NYC streets, and speeding was the leading cause. Being hit by a motor vehicle is the main cause of injury-related death for children under 14, and speeding kills more New Yorkers than drunk driving and cell phone use combined. In recognition of this tragic trend, you and your colleagues first authorized speed enforcement cameras for 20 school zones in NYC as a demonstration program in 2013. Because of its success, in 2014 you expanded the pilot program to 140 school zones in the city.

The existing limited program has been overwhelmingly effective: **At locations with cameras, speeding violations have dropped more than 60% and traffic fatalities are down by 55%. More than 8-of-10 vehicle owners ticketed in school zones do not receive a second violation for at least three years. The program works!**

Yet today, despite the program's effectiveness, under state law cameras are prevented from operating at the times and locations where 85% of traffic fatalities and severe injuries occur: **Cameras are only allowed to operate around school hours at 140 school zones even though there are more than 2,000 schools** - preventing more than 90% of New York City's schools the life-saving benefits of speed safety cameras, and forcing the DOT to ration this proven vaccine to select neighborhoods and turn them off when they are most needed.

The few speed safety cameras already in operation save lives, preserve police resources and avoid dangerous police traffic stops. The program is fair: vehicle owners are ticketed just \$50 and only when the speed limit is exceeded by more than 10 mph during school hours. Drivers do not receive points on their license, cameras only capture the vehicle - they do not monitor the race, age or gender of the driver, and dangerous high-speed police vehicle pursuits are avoided - to the benefit of everyone using our streets.

This legislation (A6449/S4331) would 1) allow up to 750 schools this life-saving technology, 2) allow the cameras to operate 6am to 10pm Monday through Friday, 3) within ¼ mile radius from each such school. It would also require signage alerting drivers of upcoming cameras and prohibit cameras from being placed within 300 feet of a highway off-ramp. Children often use school-adjacent playgrounds and athletic facilities after school hours during evenings and weekends, and many walk upwards of ½ mile to and from school -- that's why we need the expanded hours and radius.

This session, please stand up for all NYC schoolchildren and prevent rationing cameras to just 140 school zones of this effective and fair technology - a proven vaccine to the lethal epidemic of speeding. Please co-sponsor and pass S4334/A6449.

Sincerely,

**Families for Safe Streets**  
**Transportation Alternatives**



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Center for Popular Democracy  
Chancellor's Presidents Advisory Council (CPAC)  
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health  
The Cooper Union  
Council of School Supervisors and Admin. (CSA)  
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Local 372 School Crossing Guards Union  
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SCO Family of Services  
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United Neighborhood Houses  
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### Health

Bronx Health Link  
Bronx Health REACH  
Bronx House  
Downtown Women OB/GYN Associates  
Family Health Center of Harlem  
Health Point Chiropractic and Nutrition  
HeartShare Human Services of New York  
Independence Care System  
Institute for Family Health  
Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center  
Maimonides Medical Center  
Metro New York Health Care for All Campaign  
Montefiore Health System  
Mount Sinai Health Systems

National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS  
NewYork–Presbyterian Hospital  
New York Academy of Medicine  
NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue  
NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst  
NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County  
NYS Academy of Family Physicians - NYC Cty Chapter  
NYU Langone Health  
Planned Parenthood of New York City  
Richmond University Medical Center  
Slope Pediatrics  
SBH Health System– St. Barnabas Hospital  
Staten Island Partnership for Community Wellness  
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Abigail Jewels Vega Ministry  
All Saints' Episcopal Church  
American Ministerial Association  
B'nai Jeshurun  
Boro Park YM-YWHA  
Bronx Clergy Task Force  
Catholic Guardian Services  
Church of God's Children  
Cosmopolitan Church of the Lord Jesus  
Congregation B'nai Jacob  
Congregation Beth Elohim  
Congregation Ramath Orah  
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Fulton Avenue Church of God  
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Islamic Leadership School  
Kehillat Tikvah: A Jewish Community of Hope  
Kolot Chayeinu/Voices of Our Lives  
Mt. Zion CME Church  
The New Generation Spirit Church of Jesus Christ  
New York Board of Rabbis  
Park Slope Jewish Center  
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Bais Fruma Chinuch Center  
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Bais Yaakov D'Chassidei Gur  
Bais Yitzchak Yeshiva  
Bay Ridge Prep  
The Beacon School Parents Association  
Bet Yaakov Ateret Torah  
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Community Education Council District 9 - Bronx  
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School District 14 President's Council (Brooklyn)  
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Mosdos Chasidei Skwere  
NYC iSchool PTA  
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Parkside Prep Academy  
Poly Prep Country Day School  
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PS 1 Courtlandt School PTA  
PS 8 The Robert Fulton School PTA  
PS 9 Teunis G. Bergen PTA  
PS 18 John Peter Zenger PTA

PS 29 John M. Harrigan School  
PS/MS 29 Melrose School PTA  
PS/MS 31 the William Lloyd Garrison PTA  
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PS 39 Henry Bristow PTA  
PS 58 Carroll School  
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PS 110 Florence Nightingale School PTA  
PS 116 The Mary Lindley Murray School  
PS 118 The Maurice Sendak Community School PTA  
PS 130 The Parkside  
PS 132 The Conselyea School  
PS 133K William A. Butler PTA  
PS 139 Alexine A. Fenty  
PS 139 Parents Association  
PS K141 Brooklyn  
PS 146 The Brooklyn New School PTA  
PS 173 Fresh Meadows  
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PS 261 Philip Livingston School  
PS 294 The Walton Avenue School  
PS 294 The Walton Avenue School PTA  
PS 321 The William Penn School  
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PS 373K The Brooklyn Transition Center  
PS 705 Brooklyn Arts & Science Elementary School  
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Eden II Programs  
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Ivy Day School  
Leake and Watts Services (Rising Ground)  
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Easy Español

Families for Safe Streets  
Five Borough Bike Club  
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Generation Q - Queens House  
Get Women Cycling  
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Partnership for After School Education  
Park Slope Civic Council  
Park Slope Neighbors  
Park Slope Street Safety Partnership  
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Presbyterian Senior Services (PSS)  
Project for Public Spaces  
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Prospect Lefferts Gardens Neighborhood Assn.  
Queens Bike Initiative  
Queens Community House  
Queensboro Hill Flushing Civic Association  
Redbeard Bikes

Recycle-A-Bicycle  
Rego Park Alliance  
Safe Roads Alliance  
Sara D. Roosevelt Park Coalition  
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Socrates Sculpture Park  
South Bronx Overall Economic Dev. Corp. (SoBRO)  
Staten Island Athletic Club  
Staten Island Bicycle Association  
Staten Island MakerSpace  
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Transportation Alternatives  
Tri-State Transportation Campaign  
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West 80s Neighborhood Association  
West Side Federation of Community and Block Assos.  
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**SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:**

The purpose of this legislation is to protect school children, pedestrians, and other individuals using the road from those speeding in reduced speed school zones. The legislation amends the Vehicle and Traffic Law that created a demonstration program to install photo speed violation monitoring systems in New York City school speed zones to increase the number of schools zones with such systems from 140 to 750. The legislation also clarifies that a school speed zone is the area within a ¼-mile radius of a school building and permits the photo violation monitoring devices installed in the school speed zones to operate on weekdays from 6am to 10pm. The legislation finally updates the annual reporting requirement for the program to include information on the effectiveness and adequacy of the program hours of operation and information on New York City government funding allocations made to improve traffic and pedestrian safety.

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT:**

The Every School Speed Safety Camera Act aims to ensure that students, pedestrians and others using the roadway are protected from motorists operating their vehicles well above posted school zone limits.

There are compelling statistics that demonstrate the installation of photo speed violation systems significantly reduces the danger faced by pedestrians and others using the roadway. For example, the New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) reports that the risk of pedestrian death increases from 5% at a speed of 20 miles per hour to 45% at a speed of 30 miles per hour.

Research has shown and the demonstration project has confirmed a considerable reduction in speeding violations occurs when these devices are installed. To this point, the NYC DOT reports that there has been a 60% drop in speeding infractions and a 55% drop in fatalities in locations where speed safety cameras have been installed.

To date, the NYC DOT reports that it has issued more than one million speeding infractions to those speeding near school zones. This sends a powerful message to a huge amount of motorists using the roadways of New York City every day.

Now is time to expand this proven program to the rest of the city. We urge the passing of this legislation to extend the success of this project to the rest of New York City to keep our children and the public at large safe as they travel to and around our schools.

**NYSUT AND ITS NEW YORK CITY AFFILIATE, THE UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS (UFT) STRONGLY SUPPORT ENACTMENT OF THIS LEGISLATION.**