



SUPPORT

S. 8746-A /A. 10810 (Kennedy/Peoples-Stokes)

Speed Cameras in School Speed Zones in Buffalo

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports S. 8746-A/A.10810 (Kennedy/Peoples-Stokes), which would authorize the city of Buffalo to establish a pilot program of no more than 20 school speed zone cameras.

Speeding vehicles on city streets are a danger to all pedestrians, but especially to children. While local police departments ticket drivers for speeding where they can, it isn't feasible to have officers posted on every high-pedestrian traffic corridor such as school zones. Automated school speed zone cameras have been highly effective at deterring speeding in other jurisdictions, including New York City, where the program has reduced speeding in zones with speed cameras by more than 60% with a very low rate of recidivism. When families feel safe walking or biking to their destinations, they are less likely to use automobiles, creating a healthier environment for everyone.

S. 8746-A/A. 10810 would authorize a pilot program for up to 20 school speed zone cameras that would be operative on school days up to one hour before and one hour after school hours, with signs warning drivers of the cameras before they enter the speed zone. These cameras will make Buffalo a safer city, especially for children, by reducing dangerous speeding and encouraging students and their families to walk or bike to school.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of S. 8746-A/A. 10810.

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