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Gentlemen,

I am writing today to express my concern about the number of red light camera violations my office is receiving as Uniform Traffic Citations. Their use as a means to bolster public safety by deterring unlawful red light violations appears to have merit. And while your statistics may reinforce the effectiveness of the cameras as a useful tool in reducing traffic collisions, there are additional negative repercussions in which you may not be aware.

The lion's share of calls we receive regarding red light infractions all begin the same way, "I never received anything from the City of Palm Coast!" While there is an expectation of accusations of this type from would be violators, nearly every person who calls begins the conversation the same way. As a result, my office is forced to shoulder the additional work of processing (including court election), collecting and receipting these citations as well as answering all of the associated questions along the way.

Further, once a local rule infraction morphs into a UTC you are losing another of the collateral benefits of red light cameras; the additional revenue they generate. Once these violations get to this point, the State of Florida becomes the beneficiary of all of the revenue you would normally derive from these means.

It appears there may continue to be a disconnect between the red light camera company and your wishes in regard to how individual violators should receive and pay when a violation of this kind occurs. You may recall me attending one of your workshops to discuss your constituents' complaints about their lack of receipt of a first notice, and the increase in fine once notified by the Clerk. We also discussed this being part of a person's permanent driving record once received and entered by the Clerk. I will be more than willing to meet when and wherever for further discussion.

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