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Republican Legislators Stand with Westchester Motorists Against Red Light Cameras on County-Owned Roads

The following statement is in response to a “Home Rule” request that was passed by the Board of Legislators on Monday, June 17, 2019.

”We stand in staunch opposition to the installation of red light cameras on county-owned roads. In addition, we disagree with legislative process surrounding the “Home Rule” request from Westchester County to the state delegation in the Legislature. We have been asked to vote on this request without any information about who will install and manage the cameras, where they will be located, how much the fines are and how the revenue will be shared with the private company who is contracted run the program.

”This new revenue generator is in addition to the property tax increase, the sales tax increase and increases to fees across county operations that the Administration and BOL Democrats imposed on residents this year. Arguments about improved traffic safety are specious. Multiple studies by well-respected organizations have proved that traffic accidents increase in municipalities that install red light cameras. This request is a pure money grab by the county from the hard working families of Westchester.

”In addition to the cost to residents and visitors to Westchester County. Red light cameras will negatively impact our local businesses which have been victimized by a number of ill-advised pieces of Legislation passed by BOL Democrats and signed by the County Executive in the past 18 months.

”We urge our colleagues in the State Assembly and Senate to join us in standing up for Westchester motorists and businesses against the onslaught of new taxes and fees on our residents.”

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