

Ohio House Homeland Security Committee,

Thank you for reaching out and informing me about the upcoming hearing on House Bill 416. I appreciate your efforts in addressing the issues surrounding traffic camera regulations in Ohio.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a concerning case in Linndale, Ohio, where the implementation of traffic cameras appears to be driven by revenue generation rather than public safety. There have been numerous reports and complaints from residents and visitors about the seemingly corrupt practices associated with these cameras. The lack of transparency and accountability has led to a significant erosion of public trust.

This concern is not limited to one specific area but is a widespread issue across many cities. These tickets can place a substantial burden on numerous residents, both financially and in terms of wasting time in appealing citations. It is particularly troublesome when surveillance technologies are seemingly exploited for the financial benefit of governments, potentially fostering distrust between the people and their respective governing bodies.

In particular, many have observed that the placement of these cameras in Linndale seems strategically designed to maximize fines rather than improve traffic safety. Excessive ticketing and opaque operations have become a norm, causing frustration and financial strain on the local population. This situation underscores the urgent need for the provisions outlined in HB 416, which aim to bring much-needed oversight and transparency to traffic camera operations statewide.

I wholeheartedly support House Bill 416 and its efforts to mandate transparency from traffic camera companies.

Thank you once again for keeping us informed and for advocating for these essential changes.

Best regards,

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