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Environment and Transportation Committee

RE: Support for House Bill 343 – Motor Vehicles - Speed Monitoring Systems - Statements and Certificates of Violations

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

My name is Celina Benitez, and I am the Mayor of the City of Mount Rainier. On behalf of our community, I am pleased to express our strong support for House Bill 343 **Motor Vehicles - Speed Monitoring Systems - Statements and Certificates of Violations**, introduced by Delegate Stewart.

The City of Mount Rainier is committed to ensuring the safety of our roads and protecting pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists alike. We have focus on making our city that is walkable, bikeable and safe for our community and for those reasons we need tools to be able to help our police department.

Speed monitoring systems play a crucial role in traffic enforcement and deterrence, particularly in our residential areas and school zones. HB 343 enhances the efficiency of this system by allowing qualified technicians to assist in the verification process, ensuring timely and accurate enforcement while easing administrative burdens on law enforcement personnel as well as on our very limited budget.

By permitting trained technicians to certify violations, this bill aligns with best practices already in place for speed enforcement. It promotes operational efficiency without compromising the integrity of the citation process. Furthermore, HB 343 provides necessary flexibility for municipalities like Mount Rainier, where law enforcement resources are often stretched thin.

For these reasons, we urge a **Favorable Report on HB 343**.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important legislation. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Celina R. Benitez

Mayor Celina R. Benitez, City of Mount Rainier