

10     **A Resolution Concerning**  
20     **THE CONTINUED USE OF SPEED CAMERAS IN THE GREAT STATE OF MARYLAND**

30     **WHEREAS:**     In 2009, the Maryland State Senate passed Senate Bill 277 to legalize the use of speed  
40                     cameras throughout the state of Maryland; and,

50     **WHEREAS:**     The presence of speed cameras has been shown to increase the rate of rear-end collisions  
60                     by 55%; and,

70     **WHEREAS:**     Speed cameras do nothing to remove reckless drivers from the road in the manner that  
80                     police officers can; and,

90     **WHEREAS:**     Errors within the computer system may result in tickets being issued to drivers who have  
100                    not actually violated any traffic laws; and,

110    **WHEREAS:**     The speed cameras cannot recognize the driver of the vehicle, putting the onus on the  
120                    owner of the vehicle to find and turn in the driver if they are issued a ticket while not  
130                    driving the vehicle; and,

140    **WHEREAS:**     As a result of this, almost a third of tickets issued by speed cameras are issued to people  
150                    other the one who committed the offence; and,

160    **WHEREAS:**     Due to the lapse in time between the offense and the issuance of the ticket, it is often  
170                    difficult to gather evidence to prove innocence; and,

180    **WHEREAS:**     The speed cameras are not actually operated by police officers, but rather an outside  
190                    company that receives a commission on every ticket issued; and,

200    **WHEREAS:**     The presence of speed cameras also raises the question of government surveillance on  
210                    ordinary citizens.

220    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**     That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the Maryland  
230                    General Assembly to overturn any and all laws pertaining to the use of speed cameras and  
240                    immediately outlaw their use within the state.

250    **MANDATES:**  
260    Sen. Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, President of the Senate  
270    Sen. Allen Kittleman, Senate Minority Leader  
280    Sen. Katherine A. Klausmeier  
290    Sen. James N. Robey  
300    Sen. Jennie M. Forehand  
310    Sen. Douglas J. J. Peters  
320    Martin O'Malley, Governor  
330    Del. Michael J. Busch, Speaker of the Assembly  
340    Del Kumar P. Barve, House Majority Leader  
350    Del. Anthony J. O'Donnell, House Minority Leader  
360    Del. William A. Bronrott  
370    Del. Cheryl D. Glenn  
380    Del. Tom Hucker  
390    Del. Roger P. Manno  
400    Del. Maggie McIntosh

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