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Honourable Minister Ric McIver  
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Re: Photo Radar

Dear Minister McIver,

As elected Councillors for the City of Edmonton, we are aware of the present and future challenges of COVID-19 and the impact it is having and will continue to have on our municipality. We are actively looking at ways to identify our true priorities and govern responsibly.

All levels of government are asking for a great deal of personal responsibility from our citizens on a daily basis. In return, citizens must feel they can trust their elected officials and be confident the government is looking out for their best interests.

During this pandemic, photo radar and automated enforcement in our municipality has been a source of great frustration and disdain by our general public. Overwhelmingly, our citizens are asking for a better way forward in regards to road safety.

We agree with them.

Photo radar should have been used as a single part of the total traffic enforcement plan to reduce excessive speeding, instead it has been woefully overutilized as a habitual tax on drivers. It has been abused to the point where it is no longer having the desired effect of promoting good driving behaviour or trusted by the populace.

We must do better.

In 2018, after a 10 year review on the merits of photo radar in Alberta, an independent study found photo radar to be not as effective as once purported. This led to your government taking swift action in 2019 to freeze expansion of photo radar across the province.

We, the undersigned, ask the provincial government for further action, including looking at potential reduction or complete phaseout of photo radar in our city and across Alberta.

Sincerely,



Cllr. Jon Dziadyk, Ward 3



Cllr. Mike Nickel, Ward 11

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