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Dear Members of Council,

I am writing in support of the automated speed enforcement program. Please do not cut this program. I have been supportive of this program since January 2023 when I made a deputation to the Committee of the Whole on that year's budget.

The amount of tickets that were issued during a three-week justifies its continued use. The tickets and recorded speeds provide important data that can be used to support road redesign, for example additional speed bumps, road narrowing, and flexiposts.

Vaughan has seen significant population growth. Road users include pedestrians and traffic transit users. Removing automated speed enforcement increases the risk of injury and death to these individuals. Also, it increases that risk for our most vulnerable users: seniors and children. They are my principal motivations for why I want ASE to remain in place. The urban design of this city is heavily suburban and car-oriented. ASE, while a nuisance to some motorists, is vital to start a change of mindset that is more considerate for all road users in this city. Seniors and children, in my opinion, would be the biggest beneficiaries of such a change in mindset.

Traffic Staff did excellent work when it came to notifying the public about the ASE program. They went above and beyond what was legislated. That is noted in the Staff report to Council on June 24, 2025. The approved Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Toolbox and Policy is top notch, in my opinion. Losing automated speed enforcement could significantly hobble the implementation of this toolkit - possibly putting it in the wilderness for years to come. It would be like driving without a map: digital or paper. I deputed in favour of the implementation of the Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Plan's approval on September 9, 2025.

I supported traffic calming measures as far back as December 2020 when at a deputation at a Committee of the Whole meeting on the budget, I presented ideas that included introducing "Slow Down" sides to reduce aggressive driving behaviour. I showed an image of Toronto's "Slow Down" signs. I was asked by Staff afterwards to provide this as a digital copy. Unfortunately, a little girl was struck by a motorist in Thornhill in September 2021. I remember those "Slow Down" signs being introduced in Vaughan not long afterwards.

Please do not scrap the automated speed enforcement program. I hope that ASE's continued usage can help to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Jean-François Obregón

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