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Communication

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Item No. 1

Dear Premier Ford,

Ensuring the safety of all road users, including drivers, cyclists and pedestrians is a common priority for all municipalities and the provincial government. Municipalities were strong supporters of your government's decision to enable Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) in 2019. Since that time, municipalities have explored opportunities to use it in targeted community safety zones to improve road safety. The results have been positive on many fronts – ASE encourages safer driving while reducing enforcement costs and alleviating pressure on the provincial offences system.

Automated speed enforcement is making roads safer. A July 2025 study from SickKids and Toronto Metropolitan University confirmed what municipalities have been seeing in communities across the province – ASE cameras are improving road safety. In Toronto, ASE cameras reduced the number of speeding vehicles by 45 per cent across 250 urban school zones. This included an 88 per cent decrease in vehicles travelling more than 20 km/h over the speed limit. This study also found that when cameras are removed, speeds return to pre-ASE levels.

Automated speed enforcement is cost effective. Speed limits are legal requirements and enforcement of the law is not a cash grab or a tax. Net ASE revenues are reinvested in community safety improvements and mean that police officers can focus on other higher-impact activities.

The Ontario public supports automated speed enforcement. A survey from CAA South Central Ontario found that despite the increase in ASE tickets issued this year, nearly three-quarters of Ontario drivers support its use in targeted areas like school zones or community centres.

Municipalities are best placed to develop transportation plans based on their local knowledge and community input. Municipalities understand the need to use these tools thoughtfully and can be counted on to do so. AMO would welcome the opportunity to work with the province to ensure that ASE is used effectively and to improve public understanding of their importance.

There were nearly 100 pedestrian deaths in Ontario in 2023. The evidence shows that if ASE cameras are removed, speeds will increase in community safety zones and more pedestrians will be at risk. Instead, we strongly recommend that you work with municipalities to ensure we have the tools we need to ensure road safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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cc: The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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