



May 12, 2023

The Honorable Jared Polis
Governor of Colorado
State Capitol Building
200 E. Colfax Ave., Rm. 136
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Governor Polis,

The City of Boulder and Boulder County respectfully request your signature of SB23-200, which would expand the authority on local governments to use photo radar technology to create safer roadways in our communities. Our city and county support policies that reduce traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all. Signing SB23-200 into law does just this.

The use of photo radar cameras has one goal: safer streets. An analysis of recent crash statistics by the City of Boulder found that most of the serious injury and fatal crashes are occurring on the very arterial roadways that current law prevents the use of photo radar. Boulder's crash data indicates that one out of every three fatal and serious injury crashes involved speeding. The years 2018 and 2019 had the highest number of fatal and serious injury speeding-related crashes since 2009. Additionally, the crash data indicates that 67% of fatal and serious injury crashes within the city occur on arterial streets.

The US Department of Transportation (USDOT) released its National Roadway Safety Strategy in January 2022, adopting the Safe System Approach focused around five complementary objectives: Safer People, Safer Roads, Safer Vehicles, Safer Speeds and Post-Crash Care. They determined that achieving safe speeds requires a multi-faceted approach that not only includes road design and infrastructure, but speed limit setting, education, and enforcement. More specifically, the USDOT identified speed safety cameras as a safety counter measure.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

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Aaron Brockett,
Mayor

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Ashley Stolzmann,
County Commissioner