



March, 2019

Governor DeWine;

The Ohio Municipal League, on behalf of our 750 member municipalities, respectfully requests a line item veto of the provisions in Sub. HB 62 dealing with traffic cameras.

The use of traffic cameras by municipalities has been ruled as a Home Rule right by Ohio's Supreme Court. It is a violation of that ruling to penalize municipalities for exercising that right. Traffic cameras within municipal jurisdictions can enforce speed limits and help ensure traffic safety laws are observed while freeing municipal safety forces to respond to calls to duty.

Cuts to municipal funding in recent years have forced many municipalities, particularly smaller cities and villages, to make substantial cuts to their public safety forces. Limited personnel, funding and resources mean fewer public safety officers are available to respond to emergencies or stay on the front lines of the war against opioid abuse. Municipalities should not be penalized for exercising a right they have been guaranteed by Ohio's Supreme Court, nor should they be punished for using traffic cameras to ensure they do not have to choose between enforcing traffic safety laws and responding to emergency calls.

The Ohio Municipal League, long with our member cities and villages, are grateful for the work the DeWine administration has done to vouch for increased transportation infrastructure funding and we appreciate that you have taken seriously the concerns voiced by local leaders across the state. We respectfully request that you recognize the harm these provisions would bring to municipalities across Ohio and that you veto this provision.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kent Scarrett'.

Kent Scarrett
Executive Director
Ohio Municipal League