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Denver City Council
City and County Building
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RE: CR 16 - 0759

Dear Council Members:

The Denver Commission for People with Disabilities writes to express its support for CR16-0759 and the contract to implement services for Denver's Photo Red Light and Photo Radar programs.

The City and County of Denver prides itself on creating a more walkable, bikeable and safe place for all of its residents, in every mode of transportation and across all abilities. The use of photo radar and photo red light programs assists Denver's efforts to provide the safest multi-modal, multi-ability environment possible. Denver works thoughtfully and comprehensively to ensure this technology is used effectively and efficiently. Photo red light programs have been proven to reduce the number of accidents at intersections where the technology is deployed.

Additionally, photo red light cameras create an added layer of protection for Denver's disabled community. These cameras help to keep crosswalks clear, accessible and secure for people with varying impairments and disabilities.

Our commission seeks to promote and enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities in Denver and limiting and/or banning the use of photo red light programs would be in direct opposition to that goal. The City and County of Denver needs to do everything in its capacity to keep vehicles out of the pedestrian crosswalk areas and prove that vehicular encroachment on this zone is unacceptable to insure the safety of thousands of people who cross busy intersections every day.

Thank you keeping safer multi-modal, multi-ability accessibility a priority.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Woodruff

Elizabeth Woodruff, Chair
Denver Commission for People with Disabilities