

Chair Latz and Members,

Last fall I was bicycling with my daughter, who was 11 at the time. It was broad daylight. We came to an intersection that was controlled by a traffic signal. We were in the south metro, but we could have been anywhere, maybe even your city, because what happened next could, and does, happen everywhere.

The traffic light turned green. We looked both directions. There were no vehicles, and we had the right of way, so we started pedaling across the intersection.

Then, from another short block away, a person driving a small SUV at a very high speed sped down the street, and blew through their red light. If we were riding any faster, I wouldn't be typing this today, telling you this story.

I would be dead. And my daughter would be dead.

We have a safety crisis on our roadways. There is virtually no traffic enforcement. No consequences for irresponsible or reckless driving. No rules. It's the "wild west" out there.

In order to permanently, and equitably, create safe streets, fixing unsafe street design should be the highest priority.

But we need a comprehensive approach to what I call "traffic violence".

SF 2026 will legalize equitable automated traffic enforcement. It is a critical tool. It's not partisan. It's common sense. And sadly, it's needed.

This bill is well written - perhaps the best in the nation in terms of responsible data practices and protecting civil liberties.

And our lives, maybe your life, maybe a family member's life, my life, my daughter's life, may depend on you supporting traffic camera enforcement.

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