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FILE No. - *906*

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Re: Red Light Camera Enforcement Program

I am pleased to advise you that Bill 149, the *Red Light Cameras Pilot Projects Extension Act, 2002* was amended on August 1, 2004 to allow permanent use of red light cameras by designated municipalities.

This action supports the ministry's objective to improve road safety in Ontario and remain one of the top three safest jurisdictions in North America. The results of the safety evaluation have demonstrated that red light cameras show a significant safety benefit; these cameras will give municipalities the tools they need to address local road safety issues.

Municipalities choosing to participate in the red light camera program will be required to sign operational agreements with the province, which includes signage at red light camera intersections, municipally-led public awareness campaigns on red light running, on-going data gathering and monitoring and reimbursement of provincial costs.

Provincial staff and participating municipalities will hold joint meetings in the near future with interested municipalities to establish an understanding of the program, address operational issues and respond to any questions municipalities may have. Please contact Cindy Cohan at (416) 235-5262 or Nadia Garisto at (416) 235-4608 for further information on when and where the sessions will be held in the near future.

The Ministry of Transportation continues its comprehensive approach to combating all forms of aggressive driving, including red light running, in partnership with a broad range of road safety partners.

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I look forward to working with participating municipalities in continuation of this important road safety initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank D'Onofrio". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "F" and a cursive "D'Onofrio".

Frank D'Onofrio
Assistant Deputy Minister
Road User Safety Division