

## ASE MPP Letter Template

Dear [MPP],

Ensuring the safety of all road users, including children and seniors, is a common priority for municipalities, the provincial government, and the public. Following the province's decision to enable Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) in 2019, there is real evidence that it is an effective and evidence-based tool for improving road safety in our communities.

A July 2025 study from SickKids and Toronto Metropolitan University demonstrated that in Toronto, ASE cameras reduced the number of speeding vehicles by 45 per cent across 250 urban school zones. This included an 88 per cent decrease in vehicles travelling more than 20 km/h over the speed limit. This study also found that when cameras are removed, speeds return to pre-ASE levels. [OR Placeholder for any of your own municipality's data on the effectiveness of ASE in your community]

The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police view ASE not as a revenue tool, but as a traffic safety tool. Its purpose is deterrence and prevention—helping to change driver behaviour and reduce collisions. By complementing traditional police enforcement, ASE also frees up police resources to focus on other pressing public safety priorities.

Improving road safety through ASE is widely supported by Ontario drivers. A survey from CAA South Central Ontario found that despite the increase in ASE tickets issued this year, nearly three-quarters of Ontario drivers support its use in targeted areas like school zones or community centres.

There were nearly 100 pedestrian deaths in Ontario in 2023. The evidence shows that if ASE cameras are removed, speeds will increase in community safety zones and more pedestrians will be at risk.

Municipalities are best placed to develop transportation plans based on their local knowledge and community input. Municipalities understand the need to use these tools thoughtfully and can be counted on to do so. We would welcome your support in encouraging Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria to work with municipalities and AMO to ensure the effective use of ASE and to improve public understanding of its importance to road safety.

Sincerely,

[Head of Council]

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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