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Via Email: [rae@nyassembly.gov](mailto:rae@nyassembly.gov)

Honorable Edward P. Ra  
New York State Assembly, District 19  
825 East Gate Boulevard, Suite 207  
Garden City, NY 11530

Dear Assemblyman Ra:

Vehicle speeding in Garden City is a continuous problem, especially in areas around our schools, but also in our other neighborhoods. As you are aware, the Garden City Board of Trustees has determined taxpayer funds are better utilized by prioritizing police availability to deter other more serious crimes and to patrol our streets, instead of being tasked with speed enforcement. In light of the desire to control taxes, which must be accomplished by controlling labor costs, and the new federal tax deduction limitation for local taxes, I agree with our Village Board of Trustees that we need to utilize technology to effectively enhance our police powers.

The ability to utilize speed cameras will be an effective enhancement and supplement to manual police power in deterring speeding and ensuring that speed-related traffic incidents are reduced. The Village is requesting up to five cameras to be placed where desired, to ensure the safety of all residents.

The residents of Garden City need your help. I am joining my Garden City representatives in asking you to propose and actively promote a “Home Rule” message for the enactment of State Legislation authorizing Garden City to install speed cameras within the Village. I further request that your office formally propose the legislation and actively support its adoption. It is my understanding that your office has been provided with the draft legislation sought by the Village.

Thank you for your immediate attention regarding this serious matter.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME