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Dear Governor Hochul,

We write to you today to reaffirm our support for Assembly Bill No. 7043A and Senate Bill No. 6802A, titled “An act to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the public officers law, in relation to establishing a school speed zone camera demonstration program in the City of Albany; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof.” This legislation would move us a step closer to establishing a school speed zone camera pilot program in the City of Albany. That’s one step closer to guaranteeing the safety of our students, teachers and families, and one step closer to peace of mind. We trust that you will consider these bills and sign them into law.

Vehicular accidents in Albany school zones have reached staggering levels in the past five years. Thousands of people in our community have been injured, and nearly a dozen have been killed.

In an effort to address these concerns, the Common Council called an emergency meeting on Friday, May 19. That night, we unanimously passed Resolution 52.53.23R, enacting the Home Rule Message to the New York State Legislature that would give the City of Albany the authority to create its school speed zone pilot program.

Between May 19 and the Assembly and Senate’s action on bills 7043A and 6802A, another student was seriously injured by a vehicle while attempt to cross Washington Avenue outside Albany High School. Your action now could help the City of Albany prevent another such accident. It may even save lives.

Once again, we are calling for you to consider Assembly Bill No. 7043A and Senate Bill No. 6802A and sign them into law.

Respectfully submitted,

The City of Albany Common Council