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Richard J. Leary
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Via e-mail and letter mail

Re: Red Light Program in York Region

Dear Mr. Leary,

I am writing today on behalf of CAA South Central Ontario's 1.9 million members with respect to the York Region's red light camera enforcement program.

As an auto club that for more than 100 years has advocated for safety on the province's roads, we applaud York Region's move to try to cut down on serious collisions through the red light camera program.

The growing volume on York Region roads and the worsening congestion that accompanies that has made driving in the region's nine municipalities more challenging and any strategy to curb serious collisions is something CAA encourages.

With 32 per cent of the region's fatal and injury causing collisions coming from right angle collisions and 47 per cent of collisions caused by red light running resulting in injury or fatalities, the installation of red light cameras should significantly reduce these types of accidents on the region's roads.

There is significant support from our members on this initiative as well. In a February 2013 Members Matter survey of almost 5,000 CAA members, 68 per cent of those surveyed were supportive of adding red light cameras to intersections.

CAA is committed to improving road safety through numerous programs including our MISSING campaign dedicated to reminding drivers of the perils of distracted driving as well as our various traffic safety campaigns, such as Slow Down Move Over, our winter driving campaign and our school safety patrol program.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or would like to meet, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Caroline Grech
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CAA South Central Ontario