

Red Light Cameras (RLC's): A safeguard to liberty? (Or) A criminal enterprise?
(94% of Americans want to obey red light laws. We only need to enable them)

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Greetings Ms. Attorney General,

Please urgently consider these fresh arguments against red light camera systems in your State. These arguments also expose a deadly flaw in our national traffic safety plan (*Guessing at the yellow traffic light*) you can help fix.

- (1) Yellow light traffic laws are ambiguous (*Each authority -State & Local- defines them differently*).
- (2) Americans don't have a fair or objective method to obey the yellow light law (*We guess at time & distance*).
- (3) By default, if 100% of Red Light Camera revenue is not being used to resolve (1 & 2) then this deadly flaw in safety is criminally being perpetuated for profit costing up to 9K lives and 750K injuries annually.

Your quandary is to choose between; a) outlawing these draconian enforcement tools all together (*on the basis that they violate civil rights*) or to b) turn a blind eye to civil rights in the name of a greater good (*Put a stop to criminal activity: Require 100% of revenue derived from these systems be solely used to scientifically study this one question*).

Researching this one question can address and resolve the root cause of red light running:

- *What aid to navigation do drivers need -at the onset of yellow light- which helps them more precisely, safely and confidently make the life vs death decision to either stop or go without violating the red?*

We believe ~94% of all drivers respond more favorably to aids to navigation than enforcement. Here's why.

AAA reports: ***“Most drivers (94.0%) consider it unacceptable for a driver to drive through a light that had already turned red when they could have stopped safely (72.7% completely unacceptable) and 84.1 percent say that most other people where they live consider this unacceptable”***. (See Pg 11 under the title “Attitudes and behavior: Red-light running”: <https://www.aaafoundation.org/sites/default/files/2014TSCireport.pdf>)

From a prosecutors perspective it's critical you understand what this report is telling us:

94% OF AMERICANS WANT TO OBEY THE LAW AND ~73% FEEL VERY STRONGLY ABOUT DOING SO.

But, excessive violation rates will continue so long as we continue to force Americans to guess at the law. We must stop asking drivers what they think they should do at the yellow and start issuing objective commands (*see CivilLiberty101.com #StopGoLine as an example*). Draconian enforcement tools (like RLC's) are no match to Aid to Navigation because enabling drivers to make safer decisions preempts violations.

I am a retired Merchant Marine Chief Engineering Officer with a strong background in safety. My father (*Chief of Police for 24 years*) showed me a solution for perfectly obeying yellow lights. I have 10 years experience proving it works and the engineering background to know it is relevant to today's red light camera arguments.

Is there any way we can work with your office to get people thinking about using RLC revenue to fund scientific research (with which I have no affiliation). I have nothing to gain except the satisfaction of helping.

Highest Regards

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