



June 10, 2013

Kathy Burianyk
Senior Committee Clerk
Special Committee on Traffic Safety
Room 7, 2405 Legislative Drive
Regina, SK S4S 0B3

Dear Ms. Burianyk:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide recommendations to the Special Committee on Traffic Safety.

As our province's economy and population grow, traffic safety concerns naturally increase. Unfortunately, added enforcement from municipal police and the RCMP cannot always address these concerns. Resources are limited, and the cost of more officers is often unaffordable for local governments.

SUMA recommends that the Government of Saskatchewan consider implementing photo radar in the province, specifically where increased traffic enforcement provided by the technology would improve public safety. This recommendation echoes a previous request from the City Mayors' Caucus to the Premier in June of 2012. The CMC unanimously recommended that photo radar be implemented on the segment of Highway #1 running through Moose Jaw, to address speeding vehicles in the area, and the danger they present to those entering the highway.

Photo radar may also be useful in communities using special constables to provide traffic-safety enforcement, allowing the officers to enforce the laws without the additional dangers involved in stopping traffic.

I urge the committee to consider the potential public safety benefits of photo radar in Saskatchewan. We look forward to continued work with the committee on this file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra Button". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "B".

Debra Button
SUMA President

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