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#### **Rep. Giarrusso to Testify Before House Judiciary Committee on Traffic Camera Bill Calls for their Elimination and Urges Public Support**

STATE HOUSE – On April 3, 2018 Senior Deputy Minority Leader Anthony Giarrusso (R District 30 – East Greenwich, West Greenwich) will testify before the House Judiciary Committee on legislation that he has submitted to eliminate traffic cameras in Rhode Island.

Rep. Giarrusso's bill (H-7760) would repeal the Automated Traffic Violation Monitoring System Act of 2005, which gives cities and towns the power to install traffic cameras. This comes after the City of Providence issued over 12,000 tickets in just over a month using a new speed camera system set up in school zones. A number of these violations have been dismissed in municipal court and a class action lawsuit has been filed against the city.

"These fines are simply a tax masquerading as a public safety initiative. It is not about protecting people, it is about finding a new way to bankroll oversized budgets on the backs of average citizens. I sincerely hope the public will turn out to support this bill. Together we can get rid of the cameras and send a message that it is time local governments to start living within their means," stated Rep. Giarrusso.

The House Judiciary Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 in Room 101 of the State House after the legislative session.