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Good afternoon,

My name is Keith Brown, and I'm a Madison resident. I was directed to this email to make a public comment regarding the use of red light cameras in Madison.

I think it is long, long overdue that we install red light cameras throughout Madison - if nothing else, at busy intersections and/or at intersections where residents have complained of reckless driving. On an almost weekly basis, I see people blow through stop signs and red lights - and never at a slow speed. I can understand the occasional "gunning it for yellow" and catching a little red, but in my experience, these drivers are 3, 4, sometimes 5 seconds past the red light. They truly have no regard for anyone's life (including their own). I live on the North side of town, and almost every time I drive on Northport Dr. - especially at Northport and Sherman as well as Northport and Troy - there are people blowing red lights. I've even gone so far as to ask my wife to never use the Kwik Trip or UW Credit Union on Northport for fear of her being hit. I myself had my closest-to-death experience at Northport and Troy when I was nearly t-boned by someone blowing a red light at least 3 seconds after my light turned green. Of course, no cameras caught it, no police were present to go catch them, etc., so they got away and almost assuredly are still driving the exact same way.

To those that would decry a "surveillance state," I call BS. There are already cameras everywhere - these would just be ones focused on public safety instead of private homes/businesses. Additionally, to those that complain that you cannot tell who is driving the car that is ticketed with red light cameras, I say "don't let someone else drive your car." Your car, your responsibility - even if someone else drives it recklessly.

Everyone I speak to is absolutely fed up with the rampant reckless driving, especially near or in residential areas of town. We all want a safe city, and I think this is one of the easiest ways to do it. Either drive the speed limit and obey traffic lights or pay the fines. If you can't pay the fines, you lose the privilege to drive. It's not that complicated in my opinion.

I hope the commission will take red light cameras into consideration as they continue to find ways to improve Madison transportation.

Thank you,

Keith Brown