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Dear Mr. Donaldson:

Your letter to Representative Tom Anderson concerning the use of Red-Light-Running Cameras was forwarded to our office for analysis and response. Thank you for taking the time to express your concerns and comments about the use of Red-Light-Running Cameras.

The Florida Department of Transportation actively monitors the latest research on the use of Red-Light-Running Cameras. We are aware of the research on this issue that you discussed in your letter. I can tell that you understand the relationship between the length of yellow clearance and of all-red clearance to the correlation with red-light-running violations. We have recommendations on the length of yellow and all-red clearances that you can find on our web page that help reduce red-light running violations and crashes. We encourage city and county traffic engineers to follow these guidelines.

[www.dot.state.fl.us/TrafficOperations/Operations/Studies/temanual/Chapter3/3.6r7\\_05.pdf](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/TrafficOperations/Operations/Studies/temanual/Chapter3/3.6r7_05.pdf)

The decision to allow or not allow the use of Red-Light-Running Cameras is determined by the Florida Legislature and Governor Crist. Current Florida Law does not allow the use of Red-Light-Running Cameras for the enforcement of a traffic violation. The Florida Department of Transportation does not allow the use of Red-Light-Running Cameras on any of our intersections on the State Highway System. We do know that some Florida cities are using Red-Light-Running Cameras for enforcement of a violation of a local city ordinance.

I know your letter to Rep. Tom Anderson did not request a response, but I hope the information provided is helpful on this issue.

Sincerely,

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