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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MAY 23, 2019
Mr. WRIGHT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Traffic Camera Freedom Act of 2019”.


SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 171. Prohibition on the use of automated traffic enforcement systems

“(a) LAWS PROHIBITING AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS.—A State meets the requirements of this subsection if the State has enacted and is enforcing a law that prohibits the use of automated traffic enforcement systems.

“(b) WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—On October 1 of the first year after enactment, and on October 1 of each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary shall withhold 50 percent of the amount required to be apportioned to a State under each of paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 104(b) if the State does not meet the requirements of subsection (a).

“(c) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF WITHHELD FUNDS; EFFECT OF COMPLIANCE AND NONCOMPLIANCE.—

“(1) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF WITHHELD FUNDS.—Any funds withheld under subsection (b) from apportionment to a State shall remain available for apportionment to the State until the end of the
third fiscal year following the fiscal year for which
the funds are authorized to be appropriated.

“(2) APPOINTMENT OF WITHHELD FUNDS
AFTER COMPLIANCE.—If, before the last day of the
period for which funds withheld under subsection (b)
from apportionment are to remain available for ap-
portionment to a State under paragraph (1), the
State meets the requirements of subsection (a), the
Secretary shall, on the first day on which the State
meets the requirements of subsection (a), apportion
to the State the funds withheld under subsection (b)
that remain available for apportionment to the
State.

“(3) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF SUBSE-
QUENTLY APPORTIONED FUNDS.—Any funds apor-
tioned pursuant to paragraph (2)—

“(A) shall remain available for expenditure
until the end of the third fiscal year following
the fiscal year in which the funds are so appor-
tioned; and

“(B) if not apportioned at the end of that
period, shall lapse.

“(4) EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE.—If, at the
end of the period for which funds withheld under
subsection (b) from apportionment are available for
apportionment to a State under paragraph (1), the
State does not meet the requirements of subsection
(a), the funds shall lapse.

“(d) Definition of Automated Traffic En-
forcement System.—In this section, the term ‘auto-
mated traffic enforcement system’ has the meaning given
such term in section 402(c)(4)(B) of title 23, United
States Code.”.

(b) Conforming Amendment.—The analysis for
chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by
adding at the end the following:

“171. Prohibition on the use of automated traffic enforcement systems.”.