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Statement on Governor Cuomo's Signing of Historic Traffic Safety Measure for Long Island

"Tri-State Transportation Campaign applauds Governor Cuomo's historic endorsement of a bill that will expand speed camera technology to communities throughout Long Island. His signature will bring 125 speed enforcement cameras to areas around schools in Nassau and Suffolk County, making our streets safer for all who use them.

Long Island is home to some of the most dangerous roads in the region. 190,000 crashes occurred between 2010 and 2012 on Long Island's roadways, resulting in the preventable deaths of almost 700 motorists, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists, and causing an additional 100,000 non-fatal injuries. Speed played a significant role in many of these crashes, and this historic legislation can help to reduce future incidents. Speed cameras have proven to reduce speeding by as much as 71 percent while also reducing fatalities and injuries by up to 45 percent.

With the recent spate of fatalities and injuries on high-speed thoroughfares like Hempstead Turnpike and Sunrise Highway, the signing of this bill couldn't come soon enough. We applaud Governor Cuomo for signing this legislation, which gives local leaders the flexibility to deploy cameras on roadways within a quarter mile of a school, and we urge County Executives Edward Mangano and Steve Bellone to quickly deploy these life-saving technologies to those roadways best known for high speeding and crash rates."

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