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## MEMO

To: Members of the House Transportation Committee  
From: Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs, PML and PSATC  
Re: House Bill 606 (PN 569) – Local Use of Radar  
Date: March 15, 2021

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On behalf of the membership of the Pennsylvania Municipal League (PML) and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners (PSATC), I am writing to express our strong support for House Bill 606 (PN 569) scheduled for Committee consideration on Tuesday, March 16.

Pennsylvania is the only state in the country that does not allow for the local use of radar, and locally elected officials have expressed to us that speeding on local roads is the number one constituent concern. Local use of radar is strictly for the purpose of public safety and has been a legislative priority of both associations for many years. House Bill 606 would address a public safety gap by authorizing all municipal police officers to use radar for speed enforcement after appropriate training. This bipartisan bill would allow municipal police to have access to more modern and efficient speed timing tools rather than depending on current, inefficient methods.

Similar legislation authorizing the local use of radar has passed the Senate overwhelmingly in previous sessions, and we applaud the House for leading the way on this important measure in the new legislative session. We respectfully request an affirmative vote without amendment so that the bill can move to the full House for further consideration.

Thank you for your consideration.