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County Executive Steve Bellone
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County Executive Bellone:

I am writing this letter to ask for your assistance with an issue. The county is installing a "Red Light Camera" on the corner of Arnold Avenue and Great East Neck Road. This is right down the street from our Fire Headquarters and in a residential area.

This will affect our member's response to the firehouse for fire and rescue calls as now everyone will be subject to tickets. This could also affect the Chief's cars, the medical fly cars and the ambulances that could be subject to the same, creating a paperwork load to get these tickets voided on already overworked volunteers.

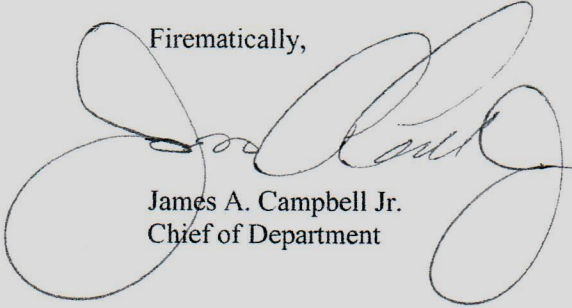
This is also a residential neighborhood, and we have two members (one being an Assistant Chief) with small children that will be harassed by the incessant flashes from this camera pointed at their houses. One member has tried to have this issue addressed, and was given a load of propaganda that statistics show this to be one of the worst intersections in the Town and quite possibly the county. How absurd is that, telling the guy who lives there and who happens to be a member of the fire/rescue service that there are many accidents at this intersection? Don't you think we would know if that was the case?

This is not really about safety, it is about revenue. If it is about safety, why wouldn't we have been consulted? I know the answer will be that the statistics are gotten from SCPD, but the data is flawed, as they are attributing any accidents that occur in a 600

foot radius to this intersection when most occur north of this intersection in front of the high school.

Placing these cameras in residential areas is just wrong. As a resident of West Babylon yourself you could imagine having this flash blasting at your windows all night long. Not to mention impeding the response of your local fire department. I ask for your intervention and reconsideration of the placement of this particular camera.

Firematically,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Campbell Jr.", written over a large, stylized, circular scribble.

James A. Campbell Jr.
Chief of Department

Cc: Wayne Horsley, Suffolk County Legislator
DuWayne Gregory, Suffolk County Legislator