



PUBLIC HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

Adams County, Arapahoe County, Douglas County, Cities of Aurora, Brighton, Commerce City, Thornton and the Town of Parker, Colorado

April 15, 2009

The Colorado House Transportation and Energy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As Chairman of the E-470 Public Highway Authority, I wish to voice my strong opposition to House Bill 09-1340, which would eliminate front license plates. There are a number of unintended consequences.

In preparation for E-470 going "cashless" in July of this year, we are heavily reliant on a newly purchased camera system that reads and compares front and rear license plates to ensure accuracy. The cost of these new cameras was over \$2.5 million dollars. This business decision was based, in part, on the existence of the current state law.

Secondly, many vehicles have obscured rear license plates, either intentionally or with trailer hitches, license plate frames or other devices.

Finally, any impairment of the ability to collect tolls or pursue violators who engage in theft of service by license plate capture could have a negative impact on the Authority's bond standing.

Therefore, as Chairman of the E-470 Public Highway Authority, I urge either the defeat or removal of this bill.

Sincerely,

Ed Tauer
Chairman, E-470 Public Highway Authority

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