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A RESOLUTION
TO URGE AND REQUEST THAT THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE ABOLISH THE USE OF CAMERAS AS A MEANS OF ENFORCING TRAFFIC LAWS.

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, the primary purpose of traffic laws is to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians; and

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, studies performed by the Virginia Transportation Research Council, the Urban Transit Institute at the University of North Carolina, and the Texas Transportation Institute show that cameras decrease the number of side collisions, yet increase the number of rear end collisions, concluding that in some cases cameras have a modest decrease in cost to society, while in other cases an increase in societal costs; and

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, as demonstrated by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, intersection safety can be improved by:

1. Implementing an all red clearance interval
2. Increasing yellow light time
3. Making traffic lights more visible
4. Implementing various other safety measures
   a. Repainting line markers
   b. Better signage around intersections
   c. Advanced warning lights before intersections
   d. Better redlight synchronization
   and;

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, through implementation of the above strategies, intersection crashes were decreased by 47%, injuries were reduced by 50%, and red light running was decreased by 50%; and

PARAGRAPH 5: WHEREAS, camera effectiveness is debateable and citizens already pay taxes for public safety, the City of Baton Rouge should not implement safety programs that confer additional expenses to citizens, while profiting both the city and American Traffic Solutions, when there are other effective methods of increasing intersection safety.

PARAGRAPH 6: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE urges that the City of Baton Rouge abolish the use of traffic cameras as a means of enforcing traffic laws; and use other means of improving safety as described in paragraph three (3).

PARAGRAPH 7: THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE PRESENTED TO METRO COUNCILWOMAN TARA WICKER AND THE BATON ROUGE CITY COUNCIL.

PARAGRAPH 8: THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A MAJORITY (1/2) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT; UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION; OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE.

Approved:

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Tyler Martin              Stuart Watkins
Speaker of the Senate     Student Body President

Date:____________________   Date:____________________