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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BILL S.2600, AN ACT ENHANCING SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

**WHEREAS,** Boston school buses and MBTA buses often sit in traffic in bus lanes that are blocked by other motor vehicles, and vehicles often illegally pass school buses with their stop signs out as students are boarding or exiting the bus; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Boston Transportation Department has experienced difficulty filling parking enforcement positions, and some enforcement has led to physical confrontations; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Making the roads safer is an emergency as more pedestrians died in Boston from a motor-vehicle crash than people died from a homicide during the first three months of 2024; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Other cities including New York, San Francisco and Chicago have implemented bus-mounted cameras for traffic enforcement; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The ACLU of Massachusetts, which has raised concerns with many other surveillance systems, has signed off on this bus-mounted camera technology; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Employers in Boston are still having many employees work from home in part because of long commutes that could be solved in small part by having MBTA buses move quicker through side-running bus lanes; *and*

**WHEREAS,** As the City of Boston faces stagnant revenue growth in the coming years, enforcement of bus lane violations could provide added revenue; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council urges the state legislature on Beacon Hill to pass Bill S.2600, which would allow bus-mounted camera enforcement on buses statewide.

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