



June 2, 2025

Dear Members of City Council and Councilor Lynch:

I am writing in strong support of Res. No.2024-R041 requesting speed camera enforcement on S. Belvidere at Holly St. This is a high risk intersection, crossed daily by Open High students who catch the GRTC bus on S. Belvidere and regularly use the Virginia Housing cafe since we do not have a cafeteria of our own.

While the new Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon was a much needed addition to S. Belvidere, cars continue to speed as they approach and exit the Lee Bridge, putting our students, pedestrians, and other drivers at serious risk. Installing a speed camera would provide much needed accountability at a time when aggressive driving and pedestrian accidents have increased.

While we have always had an "open" campus where students may leave during their lunch period, I grow ever more anxious about them crossing S. Belvidere having witnessed cars recklessly driving well over the speed limit with no consequences. Please consider this simple safety measure for the wellbeing of our students and residents of Richmond.

Sincerely,

Clary Carleton
Principal