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## Reasons to Ban Automated Ticketing Machines

**Red Light Cameras place the burden of proof on the individual to prove their innocence**, not on the state to prove an individual's guilt. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the registered owner is the driver only 72% of the time. That means over one in four tickets is issued to the wrong person.

**Camera vendors have been found manipulating speed limits and signal timing** to make their programs profitable. Yellow light times are lowered to dangerously short intervals, causing erratic driving and an increase in accidents. Motorists are left with the choice of slamming on their brakes to avoid a ticket or passing through the intersection a fraction of a second after the signal moves from yellow to red and being fined \$50, \$100, \$200, or even beyond \$500 in some cities.

**Motorists who receive photo tickets are left at a severe disadvantage** when trying to prove their innocence, due to the weeks or months that may go by before they receive the citation in the mail. It's unlikely they'll be able to have perfect recall of the events of that day.

**There is little to no audit or oversight of the private camera vendors** to ensure the equipment is functioning properly.

**This "taxation by citation" scheme allows private corporations from other states and countries** to charge citizens with a crime. Citizens pay the fine to the camera company, sending millions of dollars out of state, and the company shares some of the spoils with the city where the ticket was issued.

**Top employees of Redflex have been convicted of fraud and bribery** in Chicago and other locations. Redflex and other camera vendors buy off and lobby politicians, brokering backroom deals to enrich themselves at the expense of your liberty.

**ATM's have been struck down in court in multiple states** and banned in several others. Violations of due process, equal protection, and wrongful prosecution are among the many reasons given. Manipulation of yellow light times has been uncovered in multiple states, brought before judges, and when proven, resulted in millions of dollars in refunds.

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