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The Honorable Kathy Hochul
 Governor of the State of New York
 State Capitol Red Room
 Albany, NY 12224

Honorable Governor Kathy Hochul,

We, the undersigned coalition of safe streets advocates, public health organizations, and civic groups, are writing to urge you to include the *Stop Super Speeders* act - S.4045 (Gounardes) / A.2299 (Gallagher) - in the upcoming New York State budget.

The budget is the most powerful tool available to deliver immediate, life-saving change. Including the *Stop Super Speeders* act in the Executive Budget would ensure timely

implementation of Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) technology for the small number of repeat, egregious speeders who pose a disproportionate risk on our roads.

Across New York State, speed-related fatalities have sharply increased in recent years, climbing by more than 30% from 301 deaths in 2019 to 393 in 2022 — even as total crashes declined. Overall, approximately one in three traffic deaths statewide involves speeding.

This is a solvable problem, since we know a relatively small group of chronic offenders is responsible for an outsized share of the harm. According to one study, super speeders are five times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash over regular drivers. Our current strategy of repealing licenses simply isn't working, as 75% of people still drive after such a loss.

The Stop Super Speeders Act offers a targeted, data-driven response: ISA technology prevents vehicles from exceeding posted speed limits using GPS and onboard sensors, while still allowing people to get around. This is not a blanket mandate—it is a focused safety measure for the most dangerous drivers.

The evidence supporting ISA is strong:

- One international study estimated a potential **37% reduction in fatal traffic crashes** to the use of intervening ISA technology.
- New York City's own pilot program, implemented by DOT and DCAS across hundreds of municipal fleet vehicles, resulted in a **64% reduction in speeding** and **36% fewer hard-braking events**.
- This strategy is similar to the highly effective approach advocated by MADD requiring drunk drivers to install breathalyzer technology (IID) on their vehicles.

Including the Stop Super Speeders act in the state budget would:

- **Prevent deaths and serious injuries** by directly limiting the ability of Super Speeders to drive at lethal speeds.
- **Deter dangerous behavior** of the small number of worst-of-the-worst speeders and promote long-term changes in driving habits.
- **Demonstrate New York's leadership** in deploying proven technology to address a persistent public safety crisis.
- **Ensure equitable, statewide implementation** rather than piecemeal or delayed action.

In 2024/2025, the District of Columbia, Virginia and Washington State passed similar bills into law, over a dozen other states are expected to introduce bills this coming session, and it is imperative that New York State quickly follow. With support from the New York State Senate, the New York City Council, the New York City Department of Transportation, Newsday, The Daily News, and Bloomberg News, this common sense approach is also overwhelmingly popular.

Governor Hochul, you and your administration have consistently emphasized and championed safety, accountability, and innovation. Including Stop Super Speeders in the upcoming budget would align squarely with those priorities and send a clear message that New York is serious

about leading the country in preventing traffic violence caused by the most reckless drivers. Thank you for your ongoing leadership and we look forward to working with you to pass this bill into law.

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