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TUA's Christina Tobin To Speak Against Proposed Chicago Speed-Trap Cameras

CHICAGO—<u>Christina Tobin</u>, Vice President of Taxpayers United of America (TUA), will speak against Chicago's proposed speed-camera ordinance on Wednesday, April 11.

The Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety will convene at 1 PM in City Council Chambers at City Hall Wednesday, April 11, to discuss the proposed law.

The proposed law would have cameras at as many as 360 city intersections, issuing \$50 and \$100 tickets for exceeding the speed limit. "City politicians say they want speed-cameras to reduce juvenile pedestrian crashes and deaths," said Tobin, "but in reality these speed-cameras would just be speed-trap cameras to fund city pensions."

The ordinance, if passed, would allow the city to install speed camera enforcement within 1/8 of a mile of schools or parks from 7 AM to 7 PM Monday through Friday, and mail fines of \$50 to drivers exceeding the speed limit by 6 miles per hour or \$100 fines for exceeding the speed limit by 11 mph or more.

Tobin concluded, "Politicians are desperately adding more unwanted taxes, killing taxpayers' retirements. Why? Because they keep trying to pay for out-of-control pensions. Public pensions will bury this city, drive off businesses, and cause more people to flee Chicago, unless they are finally dealt with responsibly. Taxpayers are tired of having a royal, ruling class. Quit taxing us to death."