



**NEW YORK ASSOCIATION
FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION**

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STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

ON PASSAGE OF STOP ARM CAMERA LAW

The New York Association for Pupil Transportation applauds the State Assembly, the State Senate and Governor Cuomo for passage of a school bus stop arm camera law in New York State. This law will allow for the use of stop arm cameras to aid in enforcing state law prohibiting passing stopped school buses.

“This legislation has been years in the making and we are grateful to the State Legislature for passing legislation and to Governor Cuomo for signing the legislation into law. This law will help to ensure the safety of our children who ride school buses. As president of our association, I believe that there is no higher public policy priority than protecting our children,” noted NYAPT President, Michael Sweeney of the Westmoreland Central School District.

NYAPT Legislative Committee Chair, Bill Harvey of the Honeoye Falls-Lima Central School District commented that “illegal passing of school buses is a menace on our roads and a danger for our children. NYAPT has long sought passage of this legislation which would allow stop arm cameras to aid in enforcement. Its final passage is deeply gratifying to all of our members.”

NYAPT Operation Safe Stop Chair, Ted Nugent of the Coxsackie-Athens Central School District stated that “we know that more than 50,000 motorists pass our stopped school buses every day of the school year. That is unacceptable. This new law will give us an opportunity to provide for greater enforcement and thereby dramatically reduce that number of passing incidents. This is an exciting day for us all.”

NYAPT Executive Director, David Christopher, noted that “NYAPT has been in the forefront of advocating for stop arm cameras for several years. We are pleased this law is now a reality and excited to begin collaborating with our law enforcement partners to take advantage of this opportunity to keep our children safe. Thanks to all our legislators for their support of this bill, especially Assemblyman William Magnarelli and Senator Timothy Kennedy who sponsored this year’s bill and to Governor Cuomo for signing the bill into law. As a result of their work, kids will be safer riding our school buses to and from school.”