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To the attention of: The authors of the MUTCD and all members of U.S. Congress

**I am in opposition to the proposed speed limit and stop sign rule changes made to the marked-up version of the MUTCD -the Speed limit Signs and Plaques section,2B.21 on pages 76-80**

**Specifically:**

The opening paragraph of Section 2B.13, *Speed Limit Signs and Plaques*, in the 2009 Edition of the MUTCD --- renumbered as 2B.21 in the proposed rule --- must remain fully intact as a requirement, particularly the second sentence that states an analysis including a current traffic speed study shall be included.

"Speed zones (other than statutory speed limits e.g., established by Federal or state law) shall only be established on the basis of an engineering study that has been performed in accordance with traffic engineering practices. The engineering study shall include an analysis of the current speed distribution of free-flowing vehicles."

**The requirement to conduct traffic speed distribution studies as the basis for determining speed limit postings must be retained instead of being relegated to optional guidance.**

**\***Otherwise, roads across the country will become enforcement bonanzas for opportunistic local governments with no discernible safety benefit for the public. Traffic enforcement has a history of being applied inequitably. The suggested changes would hit all drivers, but particularly the poor and marginalized communities’ worst of all.

Sincerely,

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