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**STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION
ON PASSAGE OF STOP ARM CAMERA LEGISLATION**

The New York Association for Pupil Transportation applauds the State Assembly and the State Senate for their passage of A4950B and S4524B which would 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 getting it right and voting so overwhelmingly to pass it this year. This legislation 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 these cameras and we have seen other states enact their own laws. It’s significant now for New York to enact camera legislation to protect our children and to help reduce illegal passing. We are eager to begin collaborating across the state, with our law enforcement partners to take advantage of this opportunity to keep our children safe. Thank you to all our legislators for their support of this bill, especially Assemblyman William Magnarelli and Senator Timothy Kennedy who sponsored this year’s bill.”

NYAPT is dedicated to the support, development and representation of pupil transportation professionals.