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LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Joshua Terry, Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA)

DATE: May 12, 2025

RE: CSEA Support for S.4647-A (Cooney)

What the bill does: This legislation protects highway workers from work zone speeders.

Why it matters: Speeding is the number one cause of work zone crashes, yet too many drivers continue to put highway workers at risk. This year, during the Department of Transportation's Operation Hard Hat initiative, 52 speeding tickets were issued in a single work zone over a four-hour period. One person was stopped for driving **90 MPH** in a 55 MPH work zone.

Key Provisions: Penalties for speeding in a work zone have not been updated since 2003. Under this proposal, penalties would be increased to the following:

- Less than 10 MPH over: \$90-\$175
- 10-30 MPH over: \$180-\$350
- More than 30 MPH over: \$360-\$700

The bottom line: This bill will more appropriately penalize drivers who speed in work zones and will help to deter these behaviors.

The Civil Service Employees Association strongly supports its passage.

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