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Letter: James Scott: There are good reasons to have traffic cameras

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I was disappointed to read the Jan. 21 letter, “Rooting for the bad guys in city’s camera caper.” The writer encourages the vandals who stole a Providence traffic camera and writes that “one less camera makes the world a better place.”

Perhaps his view would differ if he lived in one of the Providence neighborhoods that some commuters use like race tracks. In my neighborhood, Mount Pleasant, it is not uncommon to see cars speeding through school zones on Smith Street and Mount Pleasant Avenue. Drivers often elect not to stop at crosswalks, even when I am crossing the street with my two young children.

I commend Mayor Jorge Elorza, the City Council and the Providence Police Department for their continued efforts to temper aggressive driving. I encourage drivers to respect posted speed limits in residential areas. More responsible drivers would truly make the world a better place.

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