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Re: Docket # FHWA-97-2759 - 54

Dear Sirs:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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DOCKET SECTION

Drivers driving on U.S. Federal, State, County and City highways and streets should be required to have a working knowledge of the English language with emphasis on driving and highway safety.

I believe a person who is driving in the U.S. without being able to speak and comprehend the English should be discriminated against.

In certain parts of the Southwest the population trend is such that in order to communicate in certain areas it is becoming increasingly necessary to speak and understand the Spanish language. This is not right.

Our common language in the U.S. is English and those who desire to work, live and drive in the U.S. should be required to speak English rather than us lowering our standards to meet their ignorance.

When the representatives of my organization drive in Canada or Mexico, we will certainly train our people to meet and conform to the existing standards in those areas.

In the Southwestern USA American citizens are being increasingly burdened with the lowering of our standards and the need to speak other languages in order to continue a smooth running society.

It goes against the grain to see the "bureaucracy" aiding and abetting this lowering of U.S. standards and the dumbing down of our citizens.

Best regards,

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