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I am responding to docket No. 98-4124, notice 1, regarding the dimming of day time running lights. My opinion is that the intent of DRL's is to be seen. Therefore, if they are reduced too much they will only become ornamental lights and useless for the real intent.

I have driven in Europe, Canada and here and never noticed any glare from cars equipped with DRL's. Perhaps other shiny surfaces were the cause of the complaints you received.

Whatever the final outcome, I hope it will be a global rather than a regional standard. If the intensity is reduced a little, I see no problem, but 1/4 seems too much of a reduction and will negate the value of having them. The NHTSA should consider the real purpose and not be swayed by individual preferences.

Sincerely,



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