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Dear Sirs & Madams:

I am writing in regard to the proposed standards for Daytime Running Lights (DRL's). After reading a notice in **AutoWeek** magazine, 8/17/98, I felt I had to offer my comments on the proposal.

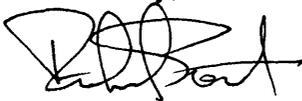
I disagree with the efforts to reduce the intensity of the DRL's in the United States. I find them extremely using when driving (my vehicle doesn't have them) and have found no problems with glare **from** the DRL's.

I have driven in Europe and I find that the light standards there are too low. Many of the vehicles cannot be sure at the same safe distances as in the US. Also, lowering the intensity of the DRL's means lowering the intensity of the lights when driving at night. I currently find most vehicles' lights are not bright enough to be seen from a safe distance.

Only pick-up trucks, SUV's, and high-end luxury cars in the US have adequate lights at night. DRL's **make** drivers forget to turn on the nighttime lights, leaving many vehicles running with lights that are not bright enough.

People will always find a reason to complain no matter what you decide. Please remember to err on the side of safety for all, not just to the complaints of some. Thank you for allowing me to add my comments.

Cordially,



Richard Sievert