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Re: Docket No. 98-4124, Notice 1.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to voice my concern about the excessive brightness of the Daytime Running Lights found on some newer automobiles sold in the U.S. The worst offenders seem to be the Saturn and General Motors models that use the driving lights or high beam headlights, supposedly operating at reduced power, as running lights. Since these lights do not have the anti-glare pattern of low beam headlights, they are very irritating. When one of these automobiles is behind me in traffic or at a signal light, I find myself reaching for the dimmer switch on my rear view mirror. When they are in oncoming traffic, I consciously avoid looking into these lights just as if they were high beam headlights. These are actions which would not be necessary if these types of running lights were eliminated or their brightness reduced. Such distractions do not contribute to traffic safety, but rather hinder it.

I was pleased to learn of the proposal to reduce the brightness of Daytime Running Lights, and I want you to know that I support it fully. I had intended to write earlier, but was not sure where to address my comments. Apparently, I am not the only person disturbed by these lights.

Sincerely,

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