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RE: Docket No. 98-4124, notice 1

I am writing to express my opinion  
on daytime running lights for vehicles

- ① I am opposed to DRL's in the U.S. in general, because they are distracting and unnecessary
- ② I do support this proposal to reduce brightness of DRL's
- ③ I support lighting standards which are common among major automotive markets
- ④ I feel current DRL's make it unsafe for motorcyclists, as well as others with no DRL's, by drawing attention to cars from a particular group of auto manufacturers.

⑤ I'm tempted to recommend recalling all existing cars with bright DRL's. That's not legal, since those lights are apparently permitted under current regulations. But these vehicles will remain an anomaly in the market, with their unusually bright lights. Perhaps manufacturers could be asked to provide retrofit kits to customers who want to reduce their DRL's to the new standard.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Koenig