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BY EMAIL

Office of Inspector General
US Department of Transportation
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Re: Headlightgate

Dear Office of Inspector General, USDOT,

I have previously contacted the Office of Inspector General at the DOT regarding hazardous, dangerous, and defective LED headlights during the Biden Administration. However, no action was taken. Now that the previous Inspector General was fired, I wish to submit my request again.

1. No automaker has submitted a petition to NHTSA for authorization to sell vehicles with LED headlamp technology and NHTSA has not set any performance standards for LED headlamps.
2. NHTSA and the FDA have not established and maintained a liaison to test and evaluate LED headlamps to ensure public health and safety, as required by 21 U.S.C. 360ii(a)(6)(A).
3. Over 68,000 individuals have signed a petition and submitted comments requesting that LED headlamps be banned. These comments and signatures prove that LED headlamps are defective and dangerous. (<https://www.change.org/p/u-s-dot-ban-blinding-headlights-and-save-lives>).
4. Tens of thousands of individuals regularly post photo and video evidence of these defective LED headlamps on Reddit. (<https://www.reddit.com/r/fuckyourheadlights/>)
5. 49 U.S. Code § 30118 – Notification of Defects and Noncompliance requires the automakers to notify NHTSA that LED headlamps are defective and requires that NHTSA notify the automakers that they must open an investigation. This has not occurred.
6. Industry insiders have stated that the automakers are cheating the headlamp testing protocols by turning off certain pixels from the LED headlamps to allow the headlamps to pass inspection but then be blindingly bright on the roads. This is a cheating scandal called Headlightgate.
7. US House Representative Mike Thompson has initiated a sign-on letter for members of Congress to hold a hearing on this issue.

I am requesting that the OIG open an investigation into LED headlamps, the Headlightgate scandal, the failure of NHTSA and the FDA to regulate LED headlamps, and the failure of the automakers to open an investigation into defective LED headlamps. I request the assignment of a case number.

Sincerely,

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