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2/12/2025	"These lights make it dangerous and obnoxious to drive at night and early morning; they pull your attention away from where it should be - on the road"
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2/11/2025	"No one should have to crouch in the driver's seat so that they avoid the glare of the headlights behind them, which I find myself doing all the time while driving at night. Also makes it quite difficult to look both ways while at a stop sign without getting visually distracted. It's bad enough there are so many overly bright LED flood lights on people's homes and other buildings, but these new headlights are especially a concern."
2/10/2025	"I can't see at night! These new headlights are ridiculously bright. You can't even see the car behind you because their lights are so bright blinding you! There needs to be regulation on how bright headlights can be!"
2/10/2025	"These newer LED lights are absolutely horrible, not only for my astigmatism, but in general the blinding effect of these lights AFTER they have passed you or moved over last so long. I have to drive rural backroads all of the time when going home from college, and I have to slow down almost to the point where I have to completely stop so I can try to focus and see the road, otherwise I would for sure run off the side. This is not only a concern of being able to see, but it is extremely dangerous to slow down on a very dark road at night when there are other cats behind you. The same way you get pulled over for going too fast over the speed limit, you get pulled over for going too slow because that's dangerous as well. Having to go from 55+ mph on a two lane road to around 30 mph very suddenly is not safe at all. These LED lights consume my entire windshield and leave me partially blinded afterwards. Not only are these lights dangerous on rural roads, they're just a dangerous on city roads. Driving behind someone with your brights on is illegal... so why aren't these LED headlights regulated? I digress 😞"
2/10/2025	"I have astigmatism & I literally CANNOT see with these new lights. We need regulations on these lights ASAP!!"
2/10/2025	"It ain't just the brightness -- it's the fact that the whiter or blue-er the light the less you can see in the shadow areas of your view AND the more blinding the light is compared to yellow light."
2/10/2025	"A vehicle was stopped on the wrong side of the road, facing me with bright headlights, on a rainy night. The dark and damp conditions made it hard to see, but their bright lights were so blinding, I couldnt see that there was a pedestrian on the road in the path I would've taken to get around the stopped vehicle. It was an all around dangerous situation"
2/9/2025	"With lumen maximums set, enforcement is incredibly necessary. Law enforcement should be equipped with lumen meters, as damage to the citizens' eyesight and ability to be safe on the road will result in nothing positive towards the politicians' workforce and supporters."
2/9/2025	"The lights are too damn bright!"
2/9/2025	"LED lights blinds Lives"

2/9/2025	"Even led lighting started to impact sport matches. https://www.msn.com/en-in/sports/cricket/it-has-more-glare-and-sometimes-former-pakistan-captain-blames-pcb-over-led-light-issue-after-rachin-ravindra-gets-injured/ar-AA1yG7oL "
2/9/2025	"Headlights are so bright now I'm wearing sunglasses at night!"
2/9/2025	"Making headlights brighter to supposedly increase safety for the driver of a given car translates into decreased safety for every other driver on the road. Ironically, that same "safer" driver is less safe overall because they are equally exposed to their fellow "safer" drivers whose cars have overly bright lights!"
2/9/2025	"I cant even drive when the sun goes down"
2/8/2025	"LED lights have been used without any thought to the effects they have. They are now everywhere since they're so cheap. Driving at night not only subjects you to extremely bright lights from cars but also from lots & lots of buildings. We need light trespass laws. Driving (and walking) at night has become very stressful. It is a health hazard."
2/8/2025	"I genuinely cannot see the road sometimes and I have an astigmatism in my eyes, which makes it ten times harder to see with these new lights, the old lights never had any issues"
2/8/2025	"New headlights are too bright and dangerous for other drivers"
2/8/2025	"I try not to drive at night at all due to the harsh and blinding lights I encounter with oncoming traffic and even worse, drivers behind me with their bright lights. It's the newer, too bright LED's that are the problem."
2/8/2025	"The blinding headlights are so dangerous. The brightness is so bad it makes it hard to drive on the road and to see any pedestrians."
2/8/2025	"I almost died tonight on a snowy road, with a big pickup blinding me from behind. I couldn't see a thing! This happens far too often."
2/8/2025	"These blinding headlights at night are completely unsafe. These agencies have to do something immediately! I can not see to drive when the cars coming at me have blinding headlights! After these cars and trucks pass me I feel like my eyes are burning and I can't see anything. And that's just one car or truck I have to pass hundreds at night to drive somewhere. Do something about it!! How can this be legal for other vehicles to completely blind me with ultra bright led headlights?? Most time I can't even see the road and feel like this will cause a head on collision because I can be blinded by the headlights! Fix this now!"
2/8/2025	"I used to have LED headlights on my car, but at some point I realized how blindingly bright they are, and had them removed. (I didn't want my headlights to be the cause of an accident.) Unfortunately, my regular headlights are so dull in comparison to all the other cars around me that I'm at a disadvantage. It seems there's no way to balance others' safety with my own when it comes to headlights."
2/8/2025	"Road safety"
2/8/2025	"These are worse than the 'brights' of old that people were required by law to switch off when other drivers approached. When these new LED's come at me, I flash my brights at them or just click them on until the car passes to let them know how I feel."
2/8/2025	"I avoid driving at night if I can. Whenever possible I drive a path divided by a median. I've had to come to a near dead stop many times as I could not see due to the headlights of an oncoming car."
2/8/2025	"This is a frequent issue for me! It is so dangerous."
2/8/2025	"I struggle with night driving because of blinding headlights"
2/7/2025	"Those LED headlights should be banned, period!"
2/7/2025	"I'm in my fifties and finally ended up quitting my job as a driver because due to astigmatism the right white or LED headlights make it so that I'm completely blind at times"

	when driving in at night. To the point where especially if they come up behind me I have to actually pull over until they pass. When they're coming at me I have to slow way down I could be on the freeway or on the highway and it's just so bright that not only am I not seeing correctly but literally blind for a moment. And if I'm on a long drive I'll get a migraine headache out of this world. I believe they to be a safety hazard a health hazard and are causing a lot of traffic fatalities today."
2/7/2025	"I bought a new Ford Maverick and discovered it had those bright headlights I have been complaining about for years. I asked dealer if they could swap out and they said it would cost me a fortune! How dumb!"
2/7/2025	"While both sedans and pickup trucks/SUVs have blinding headlights, pickup trucks/SUVs headlights are also higher, so that they shine directly into the windshields of sedans and other lower vehicles (not to mention the eyes of pedestrians). The number of larger and higher vehicles on the road means that they are bigger to the problem of blinded drivers on the road. It would be helpful if manufacturers of these larger vehicles began designing headlights on these vehicles to be at the same height as those on sedans and smaller vehicles."
2/7/2025	"blinding headlights are dangerous"
2/7/2025	"Headlights are getting out of control, especially on trucks that are the eye line of those driving in smaller vehicles."
2/7/2025	"Not only are the headlights annoying and blinding, recently I have noticed these LARGE pickup truck owners illuminating the underside of their trucks. WHO THE TRUCK approved that? That is 1000% worse!"
2/7/2025	"Yes it's convenient for the people driving the cars, but this is really becoming a danger especially on mountain passes like here in Colorado."
2/7/2025	"Blinding headlights are a growing safety hazard, and I have experienced several issues because of them. One of the most dangerous problems I face is when a vehicle with overly bright headlights comes up behind me at night. The intense glare creates a sharp shadow in front of my car, making the road appear much darker, as if my headlights are off. At times, the effect is so extreme that I cannot see my own headlights illuminating the ground, making it difficult to see obstacles, road markings, or anything ahead of me. The glare in my mirrors is also unbearable, to the point where I have permanently adjusted my rearview mirror to help dim the brightness. And this is only one of the many challenges I have encountered, from temporarily being blinded by oncoming traffic to dealing with reduced visibility in critical situations. It is an issue that needs to be addressed to keep the roads safer for everyone."
2/6/2025	"I'm tired of being blinded while driving at night! This is too dangerous and something needs to be done about it."
2/6/2025	"I'm blinded by them!"
2/6/2025	"As someone who's been personally victimized by these bright led headlights, they gotta go. I understand needing to be able to see cars at night or in low visibility but not at the risk of running other drivers off the road due to these blinding lights."
2/6/2025	"I can't stand driving at night feeling like I might go blind or crash because someone decides they need to have their high beams on."
2/6/2025	"Excessively bright headlights that aren't required to be adjusted angled down on kit lifted heavy duty vehicles in the hands of the common people is a rampant issue that desperately needs fixing. This kills people. It leaves people disabled. It ruins families. It's a burden on the infrastructure and ruins the flow of traffic daily. Do better."

2/5/2025	"These LED headlamps are blinding even in early morning light and dusk lighting conditions"
2/5/2025	"This is a dangerous hazard."
2/4/2025	"I have very light-sensitive eyes (photophobia) due to light eye color, astigmatism, and chronic migraines. Night driving is already a more dangerous circumstance due to more limited visibility, and has become increasingly stressful with the introduction of LED lights, which are hazardously bright. Even when I use my rear view mirror's night mode, this is problematic because (a) this feature is not available for my side-view mirrors and (b) this doesn't protect me from the headlights of cars driving toward me on the other side of the road, and (c) I still also get a painful, blinding bolt of light in the eye whenever I look back to check my blind spot. I know that I am not alone in this concern, and I hope you will make changes to improve this very fixable public health concern by banning LED lights in headlights."
2/4/2025	"These lights are blinding and make it impossible to see"
2/3/2025	"They are blinding to other drivers!"
2/3/2025	"these LED lights pose a significant hazard to oncoming drivers."
2/3/2025	"Bright headlights are plain dangerous! There was a reason why we kept them soft initially. Nowadays, there is very little difference between headlights and bright lights and it is becoming increasingly cumbersome. I feel less safe, especially when it rains as the reflection on the wet roads increases the blinding effects. I often find myself lifting my hand up to block headlights from coming directly into my eyes and I know this cannot be safer than keeping both of my hands on the wheel. Regulation and implementation is a must to save lives or simply to improve the quality of a night drive."
2/3/2025	"I'm signing because high beams and overly bright headlights can be hazardous and we need government support to enforce car manufacturers to solve the problem they created."
2/3/2025	"These LED headlights are literally blinding at night on narrow single lane roads. Dangerous and ridiculous."
2/2/2025	"These headlights are dangerous!!"
2/2/2025	"The headlights in the past weren't as blinding as they are now. With how blinding bright they are now I'm nervous to drive at night. There are times I feel like I could get into an accident, and when it's raining or snowing my vision is blurred and I can barely see the lines on the road. I hope this can be changed, for the safety of all."
2/1/2025	"The safety issues caused by oem led headlights from the factory has caused many accidents for surrounding vehicles. With the increase of manufacturers going led, ignoring the negative attributes of led and only focusing on the positives is no longer acceptable. Government regulation needs to be implemented and upheld to meet certain safety criteria to remedy the unregulated and unsafe actions auto manufacturers have blindly accepted as normal."
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