Submission to the Special Committee on Traffic Safety

Safety Concern: Driving with fog lights on when there is no fog or need for fog lights

A vehicle driving with fog lights on when not necessary poses a safety risk. At night, when someone has their fog lights on when unnecessary, is equivalent to someone driving with their lights on bright. When you meet this particular vehicle, it blinds the passing vehicle. When I meet a vehicle with fog lights on when there is no fog, especially at night, it blinds me. It is equivalent to meeting someone with bright lights on that were not dimmed. I am sure it is pure laziness on the driver's part that he/she cannot turn off the fog lights and drive the proper way using bright lights and dimming them when meeting approaching traffic.

The recommendations that I feel should be imposed for this safety hazard is a fine. This fine should be tiered; for example: first offence, second offence, etc. with the monetary value of the fine increasing for each repetitive offence. Also, the insurance penalty should be four points per fine.

This is a serious safety issue which involves making an oncoming vehicle unable to see the road which can cause accidents, with the ultimate outcome being death.

I thank you for your consideration of my safety concern.

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