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Special Committee on Traffic Safety  
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Mr. Darryl Hickie, Chair  
Ms. Danielle Chartier, Deputy Chair  
Mr. Herb Cox  
Mr. Roger Parent  
Mr. Warren Steinley  
Mr. Doyle Vermette  
Ms. Nadine Wilson

**Re: Special Committee on Traffic Safety; vehicle light concerns**

Dear Ms. Buriannyk and members of the Special Committee on Traffic Safety;

I am writing your committee today to voice my concerns regarding a safety issue about which I am very passionate. Having more than four decades of trucking experience, I wish to relay a pressing, and as of yet unaddressed liability involving traffic safety. The issue of bright lights, most probably shone by inexperienced drivers, causes undue hardship for oncoming motorists and has most likely caused countless collisions and traffic deaths in Saskatchewan. Of specific concern is foreign cars' bright running lights and the use of domestic cars' fog lamps. The brightness of these fog lights are just as distracting, if not moreso, than conventional bright lights.

Another concern involves being followed, as a trucker, by careless drivers who shine their bright lights and/or fog lights. Having large mirrors on our trucks, we are blinded by these bright lights on our tail.

I suggest the introduction of legislation to diminish or curtail the use of these bright lights, which cause great difficulty for many oncoming drivers. I recommend that fog lights and bright headlamps of imported cars be more closely monitored through legislation. The police must enforce a rule that fog lamps not be used when approaching other traffic.

My questions for you are as follows:

- 1) What, if any, statistics exist regarding traffic collisions due to bright lights; either oncoming or tailing?
- 2) Will the province consider enacting legislation to diminish the danger posed by bright lights? Why or why not?

I humbly ask for your kind reply. I am also available by phone should you wish to speak with me.

Sincerely,

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