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From:

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Complaint:

AOL.com carried a story dated 7/21/03, "Feds Put Spotlight on Glare", by CARS.com.
You have received thousands of complaints. Now I want to add my complaint.

I am always distracted and annoyed by high-intensity discharge, HID, headlights! I get angry and I do believe this will lead to more and more road rage. I am angry that this type of headlight ever was allowed and believe they should all be recalled and permanently banned and made illegal with stiff fines.

I refer to the HID headlights on Auddy, BMW, Lexus and Range Rover model vehicles.

If nothing else, all headlights should be lowered so that they do NOT shine directly into the windows and mirrors of the standard sedan, that used to be the most common vehicle on the roads in the U.S. I drive Toyota Corollas. I own a 1998 model and my wife, a 1992 model. Neither has HID headlights. The problem is driving in them safely when there is so much glare from high headlights or HID headlights in other vehicles oncoming, or especially, those following immediately behind my vehicle in traffic.

I could have an accident while adjusting my mirrors or turning them completely away so I see nothing in back of me. I could have an accident when I suddenly try to pull off the road to let them go by, since I can no longer stand the glare.

Please outlaw these HID headlights and lower all SUV and Truck headlights in the future.

Signed,

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