

CL-11074863-2748

Feb. 13, 2018

FEB 21 2018

US Dept of Transportation
National Highway Safety Administration
Office of Defects and Investigations
(NVS 210) West Building
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

I am writing because of my deep concern about two safety items relating to our highways.

The first issue is the general shape of seat belts in commercial vans. I am a flight attendant and for 32 years I have been riding in hotel and contract transportation vans to get to the layover hotel. In general, seat belts in these vehicles have a high rate of inoperative condition and many of the seat belts that do (sort of) work, have no "tension give." in them. In other words, you sit with the seat belt tight around you with absolutely no room to even insert a hand.

The most likely seat in a van to have this problem is the seat in the second row, closet to the passenger side door. In that position, the seat belt has to travel a long way to be buckled and this seat belt is usually the one with the "no tension give" problem.

Please answer this question for me: What happens to the passenger in such a "no give" seatbelt in a serious crash. I fear decapitation could happen. Am I right?

Problem number two: I see many people driving at night with only their Daytime Running Lights on when of course they should have headlights on. I know the reason for this because I used to be a victim of it in my 2010 Honda Civic. The problem in that car and most cars is that the dashboard will illuminate at night with no headlights on, simply because the DRL are always on. With the dash illuminated, drivers assume their headlights are on. This is becoming a huge problem. Automakers need to be told that if the car senses darkness (which is how the dash illuminates I think) there ought to also be a warning if the headlights are not on.

Thirdly, DRL have been standard in Canada for more than 25 years. Why not here?

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Beachwood, OH
[REDACTED]

NAM
2-25-18
WJ

CLEVELAND OH 440

14 FEB 2018 PM 4 L



Washington, DC 20590

