



## The Associations of Drivers against Daytime Running Lights Worldwide

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An open letter to whom it may concern, plus

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Dear Professor Wegman,

### The Case Against Lethal Vehicle Daytime Running Lights

SWOV has been in the forefront of promoting Daytime Running Lights (DRL) and was instrumental in persuading MEP's to vote for a DRL law September 2008. The SWOV factsheet Aug 2008 claimed a theoretical 15% less fatal accidents and 10% less injury accidents.

However SWOV appear to have have ignored submissions by drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists to the EU in 2006 that DRL will have fatal consequences. Also expert scientific ophthalmological opinion has highlighted the dangers of DRL to vulnerable road users, please see appended letter to Gunter Verheugen and Marcin Gorzkowski June 2009.

#### In reality:

- **EU:** No EU country can prove any reduction in accidents or fatalities when DRL were mandated
- **Austria:** Accidents **increased by 12.2%** - Austrian Government banned obligatory DRL Jan 2008
- **Bulgaria:** DRL used 4 months per year - accidents have **increased by 8.1%**
- **Poland:** Since DRL introduced April 2007 accidents **increased by 6.0%**
- **USA:** When DRL were introduced in 1997 by GM, accidents **increased by 3.7%** (HILDI 1997)
- **USA:** NHTSA 2008 concludes "**no statistically significant associations**" (from DRL)

#### Please may we ask SWOV to:

- a) Amend your DRL factsheet and inform each MEP of the tragic realities of DRL
- b) Apologise to the citizens of Europe for foisting a lethal measure upon them

We look forward to your public announcements.

Yours sincerely,

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