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BY EMAIL

Carolyn Maloney, Chair
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Re: Regulate LED Flashing Lights!

Dear Carolyn Maloney,

There is one area where Republican and Democrats agree: LED flashing lights are a menace. Nobody wants to be assaulted by high-intensity light beams. No Republican voted “yes” for being blasted by these LED lights. No Democrat will elect a politician based on promising more powerful LED flashing light beams everywhere. The voters want to be safe, to have freedom, to be allowed to use their eyes without suffering damage from assault by LED light beams.

Utility Truck: <https://youtu.be/0MLDA6too1Q>



Figure 1 - Utility Truck

Many federal agencies have the word “Safety” in their titles, but use of this word is just gaslighting the public.

National Highway Traffic [Safety] Administration – All common sense says that shining high-intensity light beams into the eyes of a drivers is dangerous. Independent research studies show that ED flashing lights are dangerous. The public tells you that they are blinding. Yet, NHT[S]A doesn't do anything. No studies, no standards, no regulations. Steven Cliff, Acting Director - steven.cliff@dot.gov

National Transportation [Safety] Board – The NTSB has told us that they refuse to investigate any accident involving LED lights. Jennifer Homendy, Chair – jennifer.homendy@ntsb.gov

Federal Motor Carrier [Safety] Administration – The FMCSA is funding no studies, setting no standards, and writing no regulations for LED flashing lights. Meera Joshi, Director - meera.joshi@dot.gov

Consumer Products [Safety] Commission – The CPSC has told us that they can't do anything about LEDs because of the way the Congressional law that created the CPSC was written. – Alexander Hoehn-Saric - ahoehnsaric@cpsc.gov

Occupational Health and [Safety] Administration –OSHA has told us that that there is nothing they can do to regulate LEDs. James Frederick - frederick.james.s@dol.gov

Some federal agencies have the word "Protection" in their title.

Environmental [Protection] Agency – We were told that the EPA can't regulate LEDs without an act of Congress. Michael Regan, Administrator - regan.michael@epa.gov

Some groups are supposedly non-profits but receive taxpayer funding.

Epilepsy Foundation – The Epilepsy Foundation has told us we are on our own when it comes to protecting people with epilepsy from LED flashing lights. Laura Thrall, CEO – lthrall@efa.org

National [Safety] Council – The NSC will not explain to us why they have no warnings about LED flashing lights on their website. Lorraine Martin, CEO – lorraine.martin@nsc.org

Ambulances: <https://youtu.be/amoR1QSiBHw>



Figure 2 - New York City Ambulances

We have not found a single federal agency or federally funded non-profit that can recognize the commonsense observation that flashing LEDs are an extreme hazard that must be regulated immediately. These agencies all seem paralyzed. In January 2022, Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg told the Associated Press that federal data shows that traffic fatalities continue to rise¹, and yet Secretary Buttigieg said nothing about how the increase in traffic fatalities exactly matches the increased use of LEDs which blind drivers and interfere with people's ability to see, think, and concentrate. Secretary Buttigieg said nothing about how there are no government regulations for LED flashing lights and that not a single federal agency has any plans to study, to set standards, or develop regulations for LED flashing lights.

Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon: <https://youtu.be/KBltx0Argag>



Figure 3 - RRFB

Since both Democrats and Republicans hate these devices, and since they do not make anyone safer, and since they cause eye damage, and since repeated exposure to these devices leads to Complex PTSD, and since children are suffering, and since the elderly are being injured, and since everyone's lives are worse with these devices, then why aren't there any federal agencies doing something about it?

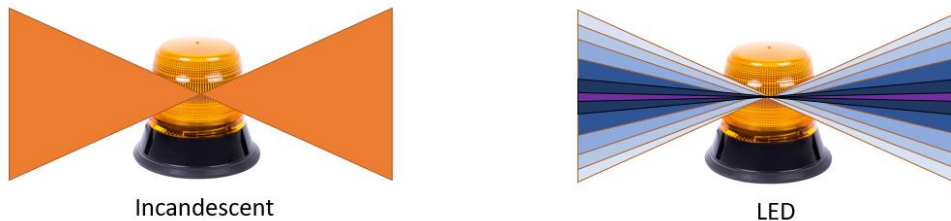


Figure 4 - Incandescent vs. LED Flashing Lights

¹ <https://apnews.com/article/coronavirus-pandemic-technology-health-business-transportation-67e41529c766edf0c2d7a2c12a377bb4>

We think it's time that Congress withholds funding from these agencies until they do something about flashing LEDs. Perhaps Congress can pass legislation to remove the word [Safety] from the names of the agencies. Certainly, Congress should withhold funding for the Epilepsy Foundation and the National Safety Council since they aren't doing anything to protect Democrats and Republicans from LED flashing lights.

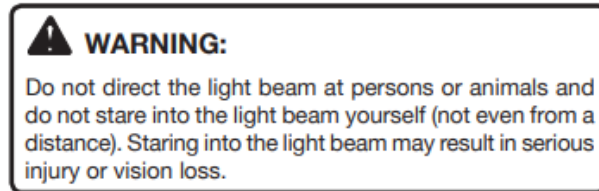


Figure 5 - LED Warning Label

We request that House Oversight Committee hold these federal agencies accountable and demand that they act to protect Democrats and Republicans, children and the elderly, people with epilepsy and autism, and all Americans from the civil rights violations inherent in the use of LED flashing lights.

Police LED Flashing Lights: <https://youtu.be/k3FvFwsW-vs>



Figure 6 - Police Flashing Lights

Sincerely,

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