



May 20, 2025

File No.: 60.17344.A19719.062.2025.04068

Mr. Mark Baker, President
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Dear Mr. Baker:

This letter is in response to your April 28, 2025, Petition to Regulate Auxiliary LED Flashing Lights.

Per the Soft Lights Foundation petition dated April 28, 2025:

Petitioner "request[s] that the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol ("CHP") publish maximum limits on luminance and digital flashing for auxiliary Light Emitting Diode ("LED") flashing lights on vehicles."

"Petitioner requests that the CHP develop and publish limits on luminance, radiance, and digital flashing characteristics for auxiliary LED flashing lights on vehicles in the California Code of Regulations Title 13, Division 2, Section 2, Article 22, Section 817 – Photometric Test Requirements within 365 days of receipt of this petition."

The enclosed April 28, 2025, request was submitted pursuant to Section 11340.6 of the California Government Code (Govt. Code), which states:

Except where the right to petition for adoption of a regulation is restricted by statute to a designated group or where the form of procedure for such a petition is otherwise prescribed by statute, any interested person may petition a state agency requesting the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation as provided in Article 5 (commencing with Section 11346). This petition shall state the following clearly and concisely:

- (a) The substance or nature of the regulation, amendment, or repeal requested.*
- (b) The reason for the request.*
- (c) Reference to the authority of the state agency to take the action requested.*

The Department appreciates the sentiment of the petition; however, after thorough review and careful consideration, the Department is denying the request, in whole, because the April 28, 2025, petition does not "clearly and concisely" state the



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"substance or nature of the regulation, amendment, or repeal requested." (Govt. Code § 11340.6) The Department is committed to providing the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security, and has sought to achieve a balance between the essential duty of first responders to preserve life and the need to protect the public.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. The Department will make a copy of your petition and this denial available to the Office of Administrative Law and any interested party. Please contact our Commercial Vehicle Section with any questions regarding this letter or requests to obtain a copy of the petition, at (916) 843-3400.

Sincerely,



M. W. HEADRICK, Chief
Enforcement and Planning Division

Enclosure

cc: Office of Administrative Law

