

## Comment from Chris Stack

### Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 111, Rear Visibility

I am in favor of requiring mirrors over cameras. For a number of reasons.

1. I have been first hand witness to multiple incidents where the driver of the vehicle relied on the backup camera only and still hit an object that was visible from the mirrors (a light pole, the edge of a concrete wall, and a parking gate; three different drivers of which all of them said the camera was superior before they hit the object).

2. When I had to replace a rear-view mirror in my old car, it was 20\$ from Walmart. When I had to replace a rear-view mirror in a newer sports car with digital direction/temperature it was 500\$! When my friends backup camera died, it cost them 900\$ for the camera and only the dealer was allowed to reset the device for which they charged an additional 600\$ for installation! When we purchased a new 2019 vehicle, we were told we could not purchase a new vehicle without a backup camera (Ugh!!) and in the warranty section they specifically called out that the cheapest price to replace the camera should it fail was 1200\$! That's absurd! The simple cheap 20\$ rear-view mirror has worked flawlessly for us for over 5 years now. Forcing such price hikes on Americans for electronic junk over tried-and-proven-and-really-simple-and-cheap solutions is horrendous.

3. There are already far too many drivers fumbling around with touch screens in their cars looking at screens instead of traffic. Forcing everyone to be these distracted drivers won't help. We do not need more drivers on the road who rely on these digital gimmicks instead of paying attention to the traffic around them.

Mirrors are simple. Mirrors are efficient. Mirrors are cheap. Mirrors are effective. Mirrors encourage traffic awareness. Please do not take them away.