

Comment from Christopher Robinson

NHTSA should regulate safety risk posed by cars and light trucks to other road users (including other motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, a cyclists). There is an entire division at NHTSA dedicated to evaluating the safety of every single vehicle model vis a vis the occupant of the vehicle, but not attention paid whatsoever to the risk that vehicle model poses to the rest of us. Of particular concern is an increase in size of pickup trucks and SUVs, where hoods/front ends are now commonly taller than an adult person. The danger is obvious. They hit pedestrians in the head and torso, causing more bodily trauma than smaller cars. They surely do more damage to other motorists in vehicle-vehicle collisions. Additionally, the large and elevated cabin reduces sightlines around the front end, which increases the risk to running over small children. It's shocking to me that the NHTSA has gone so far as to mandate rear-facing cameras in new vehicles, but done nothing to regulate the increased use of these increasingly dangerous machines. The proliferation of these trucks and SUVs on roadways contribute to more traffic violence and death. Please do something to curb this dangerous trend.