

Comment from John Pope

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I believe that it is time to relook at the requirement to have rear facing cameras instead of mirrors. The study should be undertaken to validate cameras efficacy and I would support such a study. In addition, if needed, I would be willing to volunteer as a subject for study. When studying the camera system, care should be taken to ensure a driver's learned behavior of looking out the window towards where the mirrors should be is ingrained and will take time to transition towards a video display of what is behind the vehicle. Blindspot monitoring systems have shown that computers are more capable than humans that remaining vigilant at all times. It stands to reason that cameras will have the ability to offer a wider field of view than a driver can attain by looking through a window at a mirror outside of the vehicle.