

Comment from New Progressive Alliance

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Subj: use of cameras to replace mirrors

The New Progressive Alliance at <http://www.newprogs.org/> encourages the National Transportation Highway Safety Administration and the Department of Transportation to support using cameras instead of traditional mirrors in automobiles for the following reasons.

- It is safer because cameras give a consistent fixed picture and do not have to have the mirrors constantly be readjusted. The reality is people do not adjust their mirrors before each drive.
- It is safer because in tight spaces a side mirror is far more likely to cause damage.
- Side mirrors cause additional drag which is bad for fuel consumption.
- It allows the American automotive industry to better compete with other companies which are doing away with side mirrors.
- Automatic driving with FSD is coming whether it takes two years or twenty years. Using cameras is a necessary step to remain competitive.
- Requiring side mirrors when they are unnecessary puts the United States at a disadvantage.