

Comment from Liam Bradshaw

Automobiles are currently a leading cause of death in the US, and we cannot accept this public health crisis as the cost of getting around, especially as other developed countries have made substantial progress to solving this problem. A large number of these deaths are to people outside vehicles such as pedestrians, and the rise in pedestrian deaths is strongly correlated with the rise in popularity of large personal vehicles with front-end blind spots and designs that push a person under the wheels instead of up on the hood. I implore the NHTSA to add evaluation of safety for those outside the vehicle to the NCAP to help address a key root cause of the current pedestrian mortality crisis.