

## Comment from Anonymous

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I am strongly in favor of the proposed rules and very pleased to have come across this proposal!

Reports state that during 2018, "about 1.35 million people died in traffic accidents around the world" (Febres et al., 2020). On top of that, in 2020 there was an estimated total amount of about 39,000 motor vehicle traffic fatalities in the United States (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Occupant Crash Protection, Seat Belt Reminder Systems, 2023). Studies indicate that "drivers without seatbelt are 8.3 times more likely to sustain fatal injury...compared to drivers who use seatbelts" (Febres et al., 2020). In other words as stated in 'The nationwide surveillance of seat belt usage...A road safety survey', "...seatbelts have been shown to reduce the fatal injury rate.." (The nationwide surveillance of seat belt usage and encouraging factors of increasing the seat belt rate in Thailand: A road safety survey).

In sum, there are various reports that provide evidence that wearing seat belts are essential for driver and passenger safety! Whether we immediately put the seatbelt on once we get into a car, or after we have been reminded by the audio reminder...each action is one extra step to saving a life, including your own as you never know when an incident is bound to happen. This one small action could possibly change your life.

Enhancing the front seat belt warning requirements and proposing to require a seatbelt warning for rear seats is a great idea! Although some may argue that this process can be very costly, consider your families and loved ones! A simple seat belt reminder can save someone's life! I kindly ask that each of you do everything in your power to help push this proposal forward. After all, it's better safe than sorry!