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Docket #89-15; Notice 2
Room 5109

400 Seventh Street S.W.
Washington D. C. 20590

Dear Sirs:

The Denison Police Department endorses the criterion currently supported by the State of Texas laws with respect to window tint on motor vehicles.

At the present time, three narcotic investigator's vehicles and my personal vehicle have the tinted windows. This tint is of vital importance to the safety of not only the law enforcement personnel, but anyone else that may be in the investigator's vehicle. The glass shading has not created any dangerous situations to our knowledge and we anticipate none.

Sincerely,

Jim Lovell

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Chief of Police

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3 ltrs. from the
Texas Police + Sheriff Dept.

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Dear Sirs:

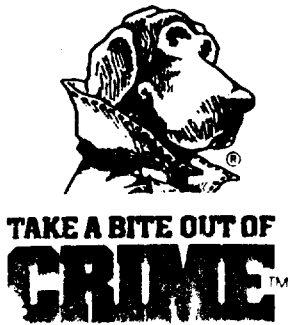
I am a police officer as well as a customer of window tinting and would like to remark on your proposed rule making regarding window tinting for cars. Texas state law allows 35% window film to be applied to all side windows of cars and trucks. This law is being effectively enforced with the use of light meters to prevent darker tints from being applied. There is no question in my mind that a 35% film is safe from the standpoint of driving visibility and for a police officer to be able to see into a car. There has never been an occurrence in Texas where a policeman has been injured that can be attributed to 35% window film on a car. There has never been a traffic accident that I am aware of where the cause was identified as window film.

I am very deffinitely opposed to very dark films, but I am very much in favor of legal films which have at least a 35% light transmission. There is a definite improvement in driving visibility when the side a back windows are tinted because it reduces excessive glare. I have not noticed any reduction in night time driving visibility as a result of the tint.

I would like to support the standards requested by the petitioners or a regulation consistant with the current laws in the state of Texas.

Sincerely Yours,

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May 15, 1992

Dear Sirs,

As a Law Enforcement Officer for over 13 years, I know the dangers of window tinting on suspects vehicles being too dark. Texas law allows 35% window tint to be applied to cars and trucks. This law is being successfully enforced by new light meters and templates by law enforcement personell. All tint shops know or should know the laws governoring the use and application of window tinting and are checked regularly.

I personally have window tint on my vehicles as well as my patrol car and have found it not only more comfortable inside the vehicle but the safety factor of non glare is very good. If your committee wants to make an impact on violators, then toughen the law's governoring the individuals as well as the shop owners who violate the laws. Having companies register with that state might also cut down on the amount of violations committed.

To my knowledge, there has never been an occurrence in Texas where a law enforcement officer had been injured, that was attributed to legal tint film on a vehicle. I am opposed to darker tint than the legal 35%, but I am in favor of tint up to the 35%. The improvement in driving ability when all sides and back windows are tinted reduces excessive glare to the driver as well as the passengers and cuts down on wear on the vehicle but using less air conditioning and less gas.

I respectfully request your committee reconsider their proposed ruling and adopt standards that would accommodate each state's laws.

Respectfully,

David S. Hawley
Certified Crime Prevention Specialist

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