



September 4, 2015

Sen. Bert Stedman
State Capitol, Room 30
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Sen. Stedman:

The City of Craig supports the passage of Senate Bill 92, prohibiting the implementation of a "headlights on at all times" rule on Alaska highways.

The Alaska Department of Transportation's efforts to implement the headlights on rule are a poor fit in Craig. The proposed enforcement zone here splits the city into two parts: one where the rule is not enforced, and another where the rule applies. Motorists can be excused for being confused as to why the rule does not apply in the area of town with the most traffic, and why it is applied in the part of the community with lower traffic volumes.

Local residents have yet to see empirical justification for why the rule should apply here at all. The City of Craig is not aware of accident-prone stretches of state highway in town where the "headlights on" rule is likely to have prevented motor vehicle mishaps.

The rule is clumsily applied here in Craig, and likely other locations on Prince of Wales Island. SB 92 is a sensible approach to ensuring that motor vehicle headlights are used at appropriate times, and also providing for the appropriate use of driver discretion at other times. Motorists should be free to use their own judgement as to the merits of headlight use outside the times identified in SB 92.

Sincerely,


Jon Bolling
Craig City Administrator