



To the Special Permanent Parliamentary Committee for Road Safety

TOPIC: Discounts on fines for violations of traffic laws.

Athens, January 19, 2017

Into. Consideration President Mr. G.. Oursouzidi

Dear President

With surprise we read the statements of Deputy Minister of Citizen Protection Mr. Toskas in Journal of Journalists of January 14, 2017 which heralded the (in consultation with the Ministry of Transport Mr. Spirtzis) 50% reduction of fines for violations of traffic regulations except the violation of red light and driving under the influence of alcohol.

It is incredible that in our country with frighteningly large number of motor vehicle collisions, deaths and disabilities, a diametrically opposite policy of the other countries followed. Countries with much lower compared problem decided to increase the fines and penalty points on the point system and have made or are planning changes to stricter criminal laws regarding traffic violations that lead to death or serious injury. (France 2015, Italy 2016, UK 2016).

If Mr. Toskas and Mr. Spirtzis is so interested in the impact of economic crisis on motor drivers could instead reduce fines violators to reduce the taxes of those who are not delinquent behavior. This will only have negative consequences for road safety.

As you know the current standard height fines are only nominal, because if paid within 10 days is reduced by 50%. Re decrease 50% recommend full depreciation on the part of the state itself which shows that it regards the delinquency on the roads as something insignificant and this message is broadcast to its users.

Mister President

We do not know whether your committee has been informed about these decisions. As victims' families, representatives of associations that we have met with you and we have set forth our views to your committee We ask for your intervention to prevent this destructive initiative.

We know that, unfortunately, not only our own opinions nor the Road Safety Commission's views are taken into account by the competent ministries.

Given the multifactorial range of causes of road collisions and that various ministries initiatives may impact on the issue of road safety is unthinkable be tabled legislative proposals or to take decrees without effective parliamentary control of this parameter.

We ask for information from the Commission and the Bureau of the Parliament to take the necessary initiatives to settings that affect the issue of road safety, protection of road users and victims of road collisions rights be subject to review / approval your committee, the only institution that for years dealing with the matter.

Yours sincerely

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