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CAP's views on tinted screens outdated

I AM referring to the views forwarded by S.M. Mohamed Idris, President of CAP, suggesting a ban on tinted windscreens (*The Star*, July 3).

I totally disagree with his views which, in my opinion, are short-sighted and old-school. Perhaps he does not know that a good tint film does not distort the view of the driver and the passenger. As all other tint films work (including safety tinted window films at home), they block glaring sunlight and UV rays from outside without affecting much vision from the inside. We should thank the inventor of such a marvellous creation.

I disagree with him that cars with tinted windscreens are more likely to experience collisions. I prefer to view it from a more positive angle. What if you are driving early in the morning when direct sunlight glares through your un-tinted windscreen and blurs your vision? What if you are driving on the expressway in the middle of a hot afternoon and the air-conditioner blows straight into your face and makes you sleepy?

The tint film is designed to make your drive comfortable, and as such, reduce stress-induced accidents. It does not make any sense at all for the Government to impose any kind of restriction on the use of these films. So what if the officers at the roadblocks cannot see the driver and passengers? Just ask them to roll-down their windows!

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