

I really feel that you haven't done your homework on this one. This legislation would effectively put the owner operators out of business, then all the load would fall on the company drivers, which I am one.

A single driver running 12/12 would not be able to turn the miles needed to make a decent living and would be away from home longer which would add up to more fatigue. The only effective way then to get the goods to market would be teams of two drivers in one truck. This would then tie up two drivers to do the job of one. This would necessitate the need for more drivers, driving up the cost for the companies of finding, hiring, and training new drivers.

Another problem arises, our teams currently run 8 hour shifts. With this new legislation they would have to run 12 hour shifts. Can you do the math on that one?

The problem is not the truck drivers, someone sees a truck involved in an accident or even at the scene and they instantly ASSUME the truck driver is at fault.

If you want to make the roads safer try DOT inspections on cars as well as trucks, think of the revenue that could generate. And enforce the stop to talk laws for cell phone use, and maybe stricter fines for failure to use turn signals and mandatory jail time for road rage offenses.

We are out there and see this you don't. I would like to invite you to spend a couple of days on the road with us and see how it really is in the real world. Your studies are crap, ride in a truck for awhile and see for yourself. We work our tails off to make sure that the gas station has gas for your Cadillac and Suburban, and that the shelves are always full at the grocery store, not to mention that the Jaclyn Smith collection arrives at J.C.Penney in a timely manner. Now you try to make it even harder on us to make a living not to mention any cost increase in operating will carry over to the consumer, so be prepared to answer for that!

Thank You.