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Dear Sir:

In regards to Training for All entry Level Drivers of Commercial Motor Vehicles, We are writing to you on this matter.

Being a bus company and hiring drivers, we do our own training after someone has read the CDL book and taken all the test on this. We work with them and take them out when we feel they are ready to take the CDL test on the road, then we change hats and give this test. We do not hire anyone who we don't feel would handle the job, working with children.

I think each place that hires a driver would require this. A class A with a combination may take a lot more practice than someone that is driving a straight truck. At Fox Valley the schooling I received was very good for 3rd party testing. These people are well trained in their job. If a company felt before they hire someone they could have them go to this school. There are a lot of semi out on the road and we hope they have the behind the wheel training.

I don't think anyone working with a bus company or school owned would let anyone drive until they are well trained.

I don't feel that a federal law should be passed to tell how many hours or training should be given.

I do feel the Federal government needs to stick to the rules on different items especially in bus driving as the drivers are trained one way then things change and it is hard to go back and forth. (example for the railroad tracks in nutral or not) book says to, new law not.

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