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RE: FHWA Docket No. MC-93-12
RIN 2125-AD05
Training for all entry level
drivers of Commercial Motor
Vehicles

To Whom It May Concern:

We have discussed the above subject FHWA Docket within the offices of the Alabama Highway Department. We do not favor mandatory entry level training for operators of commercial motor vehicles.

It is our opinion that the requirements to obtain a CDL should be strengthened to the point that a commercial operator has the necessary basic skills prior to obtaining a CDL. With these basic skills, as is the case with a standard drivers' license, experience is gained through continual and gradually increased levels of operation. In our Department the inexperienced CDL operator is assigned to lighter commercial vehicles and the level of vehicle operated is increased as the operator obtains experience and/or shows evidence of increased capability and dependability.

Yours very truly,

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