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RE: Vision Waivers. FHWA Docket #FHWA-98-3637 - 2

To Whom It May Concern:

The issue of whether a group of individuals is able to drive safely or not is a matter for study through controlled clinical trials or an epidemiologic based study. Case reports or case series cannot be used to determine whether a group of individuals can drive safely or not. Even in the case of an individual who has had one million miles driven without a motor vehicle accident, this does not mean that this is a safe driver. Again, a determination of safety with a specific disease or disorder could only be based on a controlled clinical trial with a comparison group following basic epidemiologic principles.

Should any questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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