

THE UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE DOT's DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROCEDURES

I feel the DOT's testing procedures are unconstitutional.

Even though they are upheld by the Laws, Courts and Judges they are no more constitutional than was slavery or not allowing women the right to vote.

These testing procedures should be eliminated.

For a real life example let me submit this: on Sept. 24th., 1999 at the end of my work shift at 7:30 Am., I feel I had my constitutional rights violated.

I was forced to participate, at my work's clinic, in your random drug test program against my will.

The termination of my job, if I refused, was used to force me to participate.

I tested negative. I was clean and free of any violations.

I feel this is an infringement on my constitutional rights. I was forced to give up my constitutional rights against:

- o invasion of privacy
- o unreasonable searches and seizures
- o giving up of potential evidence against myself. (a possible "false positive")

This punishing of innocent U.S. citizen employees for the alleged possible guilty acts of other employees should stop.

This enforcement of a mandated unconstitutional government law, by business' such as my place of work, should be eliminated.

I feel the U.S. government is getting around the " due process " and " innocent until proven guilty " rights of citizens, by mandating and forcing business' to pressure, force, harass, discriminate, coherse, and subject their employees to these unconstitutional testing procedures.

The safety issue must be addressed in a different way without violating our precious Constitution of the U.S.A.

One possible remedy: if you feel an employee is guilty of an offense, have that employee arrested and taken to court where justice can be meted out for or against the defendant or the plaintiff.

I feel I should be expressing the above stated views to the Federal Government, TSI and the DOT to have these unconstitutional laws repealed.