

I am writing to express my concern over the proposal to allow 18 year-olds to drive commercial trucks.

This is a terrible idea!

As a consumer, I sympathize with the trucking industry's difficulties resulting from a shortage of eligible drivers. But this cannot be the best way to solve the problem.

I live in the city of Atlanta. Nearly every day, a major interstate is closed because of accidents involving trucks. Nearly every week, the news reports a tragic story on the death of teen drivers.

I simply can't imagine mixing teens and trucks, especially in an area like Atlanta.

I'm sure there are some responsible 18 year-olds that can drive a truck. But statistics clearly show that teens are more likely to get into accidents than more mature and experienced drivers.

I literally tremble at the thought of getting onto Atlanta's Interstate 285 with a truck whose driver has only had a driver's license for, at most, 2 years.

Please do not allow this proposal to pass. Please do not let 18 year-olds drive large commercial trucks.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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