

Dear Sir or Madam;

I write with great concern over the possibility that insulin dependant diabetics will be granted the ability to drive over the road. I feel that I am qualified to speak on the subject due to my wife having diabetes. I have been married for 16 years and have seen her be perfectly normal and within a matter of moments, not have a clue where she is. This occurs when she sleeps and even when she is awake.

There are 2 extremes we deal with diabetics, low blood sugar and high blood sugar. The low, needs to be treated to get the person back to their faculties. The body is truly amazing in that it will produce enough natural glucose to bring the body out of a low, most of the time. However, this takes time and does not occur within seconds. But, the possibility is there for the person not to come out of the low and at that point, death is very possible if not treated. The high blood sugar can lead to a comatose condition without proper treatment to lower the blood sugar. Often with the high blood sugar comes a very lethargic and sick condition.

Diabetes becomes a harder disease to control without proper care. Having been in the trucking industry for 14 years, I have seen that our industry is one of that is at best, irregular. Our industry does not allow for consistency of meals, sleep or exercise. These 3 items are very important in the life of a diabetic and a over the road driver just does not get this. I ask that this proposal be denied, for the safety of the diabetic and those around them.