

I am an insulin dependant diabetic that uses an insulin pump. I have been a fire truck salesman for ten years and have not been able to drive the trucks that we sell due to the blanket ban on me. Our company spends more money on me due to the fact that I have to have someone drive our trucks to potential fire department customers. This blanket ban has seriously affected my ability to be more efficient and productive as a salesman. I fear that one day my employer might take my position away because I can't drive our vehicles. The blanket ban in my opinion is a discriminating stance for the Federal Government to take. I still cannot understand why the ban was place on Diabetics. Most diabetics take better care of their bodies than non-diabetics. Everyone has something wrong with him or her. If I were an alcoholic, I could get a CDL. If I had a sleeping disorder, I could get a CDL. Why in the world would you place a ban on a disease that is a treated disease?

The current exemption plan that contains the "three year rule" prohibits most diabetics from obtaining a CDL. This rule is totally worthless. You are punishing me for having diabetes. I have no control over whether I have diabetes or not. The Government seems to go out of its way to help disabled people. But when it comes to diabetes, the Government seems to go out of its way to punish us.

This letter may seem written in a harsh tone. Put yourself in my position. I have the Federal government telling me I cannot get a CDL. The government's position is without facts or basis. You cannot honestly tell me that you feel safer on the road because diabetics cannot drive trucks. If you ponder this letter I believe you will understand the frustration of the ban and the "three year rule".

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments, and I look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,
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