

My husband was the son of a trucker. He rode with his father all of his childhood, so as many sons do, he wanted to be a trucker too. At 17 he was he was put in the hospital. He had type 1 diabetes. He had to learn to give himself daily injections and how to control his diet. He had to drop out of school in his senior year because his eyes had to adjust to the lower blood sugar and the insulin. He stabilized and finished school a little late by taking night classes. His doctor wrote a letter saying he could drive. Our state issued his CDL. Then the licence became national and what he was doing was no longer allowed. He had 2 children to support and driving was all he knew, so he kept driving. He had been living with a woman for 10 years, when the relationship broke up he left. He did not take claim to the home, the child or any assets because of threats that she would turn him in to DOT if he tried. Then one day a few years later "someone" did call DOT and he lost the job he had done (without a single accident) for 15 years. He was unemployed for quite some time, then the job he took paid about 1/3 of his former job. He lost his house, everything. Now a few years have past and he works for a trucking company around the garage and doing short distance runs (Our state allows 100 miles )for a fraction of the money he used to make.

He is healthy and strong. He knows when his sugar is low, the warning signs are there and he knows what to do. It doesn't just come on like a seizure, he has plenty of time to get something to eat. He has not been in the hospital for his diabetes in the past 25 years. Why should you discriminate against him.

What about heart problems or high cholesterol, will you not allow someone to drive for fear of a heart attack on the road? If he had gone to medical school, would he not be allowed to operate for fear he would pass out?

ANY OTHER DISABILITY WOULD BE PROTECTED BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, SO WHY ARE DIABETICS ANY DIFFERANT!

WHY SHOULD THE DOT PROHIBIT HIM FROM DOING A JOB HE IS ABLE TO DO, BASED ON UNFOUNDED FEARS.

WHY SHOULD DIABETICS HAVE TO HIDE THERE ILLNESS AS THOUGH IT WAS A CURSE OR SOMETHING TO BE ASHAMED OF!

WHY SHOULD THIER ILLNESS BE A WEAPON THAT PEOPLE WHO FIND OUT THIER "SECRET" CAN USE AGAINST THEM?

I realize that if the 3 year rule was in place my husband would probably be allowed to drive normally. He has more than proven he can. What about the guys wanting a licence for the first time. Is the DOT suggesting that they drive WITHOUT a licence for 3 years to prove they can?