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**RE: DOCKET I.D. FMCSA-2001-9800-31**

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in support of individual assessment for people with diabetes using insulin. It is ridiculous to have people with diabetes automatically discriminated against because they take insulin. Just as private pilots and all patients with diabetes should undergo individual health assessment, people who wish a commercial driver's license should as well.

This blanket ban has directly affected my ability to care for my patients. I have a patient with poorly controlled Type 2 diabetes who is a bus driver. He has no other marketable skills and is unwilling to take insulin because it will cost him his job. He is the sole support of his family, and this inappropriate ban has placed him in a position where he must choose between his family's wherewithal.

Any new policy that includes the three-year rule will still be ridiculous for this patient. His family will go hungry for three years while we're waiting for him to drive a commercial vehicle.

I implore you to modify this proposed rule to allow individual assessment without a three-year delay.

Yours truly,



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