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**Docket Management Facility
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RE: Docket Number FMCSA-2001-9800 - 30

Dear Sir:

In regard to the DOT 'blanket ban' on individuals who are insulin dependent, I would like to convey my thoughts against DOT which now prohibits CDL drivers who are insulin dependent from driving.

Two weeks ago, our Company had a DOT audit in which it was discovered that one of our drivers was insulin dependent. As a result, Beemer Construction Company, Inc. was fined an amount of \$3040.00(391.11b4/391,11a). We are a small company and this could not have come at a more inoperative time considering the economy. This driver has had a CDL for 18 years and has been insulin dependent since 1983 with no mishaps on his record due to his diabetes.

We hope that DOT would reconsider this blanket ban on hard working Americans who want to work safely. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Gary W. Beemer
VP/Safety Officer
CSHS

cc: Advocacy and Government Relations
American Diabetes Association
1701 North Beauregard Street
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IMPORTANT: Also make sure to send the American Diabetes Association a copy at:

Mail: Advocacy and Government Relations
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In addition to submitting comments to DOT, we need you to contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives and ask them to contact Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta in support of eliminating the blanket ban and