

In regards to the proposal to allow 18-20 year old to drive class a commercial vehicles,I belive this is a mistake. Operating a vehicle of that size is an incredible responsability and most 18-20 yr olds are not mature enough to handle it. I feel some times that 21-25 yr old are not mature enough. I believe this has been cooked up by big trucking companies that have high driver turn over due to poor working conditions and driver abuse.I saw the list of companies and would trust andy of them. The program is a chance for them to obtain cheap labor. This will allow them team younger drivers with a "trainer". I use the term trainer loosely because they will not be experienced veteren drives.Trainer should have a min of 5 yrs experience. There is no drive shortage in the USA. There is only a shortage of trucking companies that do not abuse drivers due to no protection under the fair labor standard act. If driver were paid for the time that they waited to load,unload and finding a load,then driver shortage would disapear. If you dont think so,just give it a try and see. Thank you for taking the time to view my opinion.