

my comments for on board recorders h.o.s.etc are this first of all .no matter what you do mandate the use of onboard recorders..keep changing the h.o.s.rules..only a truck driver knows when he or her is tired. a true professional driver knows when they can safely drive and when they need to stop its the companys that sometimes push drivers beyond there limits the old h.o.s. were fine except the recap...the new ones are also good except the 14 hour rule how many drivers are going to want to stop to take a break... take a knapp eat lunch e.t.c. knowing they have to do it all within 14 hours of when they started there day...i drove steady for 9 years.approximatly 1 million miles.no accidents or major violations..my older brother almost 2 million miles no accidents or major violations..and my late father over 2 million miles.. many times i would shut down just out side of chicago waiting for rush hour traffic to ease up some times to or three hours i would not do that now. i have to do everything within 14 hours.as with any h.o.s. when a driver takes there break 8 hours 10 hours whoes to say there sleeping..under the old h.o.s.many times i would hit my 10 hours of driving at lets say 4 pm i cant always go to sleep at 4 in the afternoon. i remember laying in my sleeper for many hours not being able to fall asleep.then finally falling asleep maybe getting 3 or 4 hours of sleep then my break was over..forced to stop and sleep not tired and then drive later after not being able to sleep because i shut down to early...these are just examples of some of the issues ive come across...i am currently not trucking full time.i stopped trucking in 2002 to spend time with my dad who passed away in june 2003...im now working in an underground mine we work 7 12 hour rotating shifts and drive an hour and 15 minutes each way..some of my co workers after there 7 days is up will drive upto 500 miles to there homes in id.sd.or nv...i still drive part time. though ill go back full time when all these h.o.s. issues are settled...i also think that a driver thats been on the road say 6 years has a proven safety record has proven them selves and should be log book exempt... are log books for revenue or safety..

thank you

god bless americas troops and americas truckers..because if we got it a trucker brought it