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There is no proof that companies that use elogs have a better safety rating. Elogs will only reduce the productivity and income of honest, legal drivers. It will also create a tremendous financial burden on trucking companies, large and small; particularly very small companies.

Our experience was that we had to ask for permission for personal drive time, even though we did not have a load dispatched, just to go to a truck stop so we could go to the bathroom. We were also scolded by the company for moving a few feet within a parking lot to the loading dock. When we were crawling in traffic, the elog would put us off duty, and we would have to change it. We spent a lot of time correcting our duty status when the company had changed it. We do it legal.

We frequently had our sleep disturbed by msgs; ie fleet safety msg in the middle of the night.

In your gathering of information, please talk to more drivers than companies. Afterall, us drivers are the ones having to deal with the unnecessary hassle.

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