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I recently stopped driving my own truck to take a position managing another company. It's something I didn't really want to do as I was proud of my small company, but with the new hours of service rules and future EOBR mandate I was afraid of what the future might hold for a one-truck operation.

The company I have been working for has been using EOBRs for about a year. I firmly believe that EOBRs will be detrimental to the industry. EOBRs have caused drivers to drive tired because of the lack of flexibility. There are many times where a driver might not want to drive but has to so as not to lose his hours for the day.

I have also witnessed forms of harrassment by other dispatchers. Logs are now heavily scrutinized on a daily basis by dispatchers and load planners through the log software on their computers. From my experience, I do not see any benifit to mandating EOBRs.

I would like to go back to driving my own truck and running my own business soon. I hope and pray that there is enough opposition to remove the EOBR mandate. I do not believe it promotes safety at all.

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