

Paul Hoker - Comments

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I have been in the trucking business for over 27 years both as a company driver and fleet owner. I have seen many changes take place in this industry over these many years and a lot of good and bad both. The EOBR is in my opinion the worst idea only second to the most current HOS rule change. As trucks have become safer and safer the regulations have made the industry become more dangerous thus being counter productive. The EOBR will even further force the drivers to drive tired. This will make drivers feel pressure to keep driving even when they feel they need a nap simply because they are always afraid of running against their 14 hour clock and being stuck out of hours. As well I feel this will make it easy for a company to harass a driver by forcing them to drive only by having the information of what hours the driver has available. There is so much more that influences how much a driver can do such as how the driver himself is feeling at the time. If a person has never performed or been involved in all the duties of trucking there is no way they could have any idea on any of this. I would openly invite any individual to spend a week with a driver on the road. This is truly the only way of knowing anything and the only way of making ANY kind of educated decision or rules. How can someone dictate and rule make on something they know nothing about ? As anyone can look up by my companies CSA scores we run a safe and compliant operation without the expense and

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