

## Comment from Benjamin Barkley

I'm a truck driver and concerned about truck automation on a few fronts. First off, even commercial jetliners have pilots that actually fly the airplanes even though there is a great deal of automation in commercial aircraft. Commercial airliner crashes are quite infrequent and very few people are killed or injured statistically. On the other hand, trucks are involved in a large number of crashes and lots of people get killed. I don't see how you can start talking about removing whatever necessary components to trucks for a "human" to be able to drive it in considering the potential for mayhem and chaos on the nation's highways. If trucking companies are bent on having automated, self driving trucks, there should be a caveat that new lanes should be added to highways they are going to be used on that are solely for those vehicles and have rebar reinforced concrete barriers the entire length of the highway. Further, human assistance should be required.

Second, automation will eliminate a large number of otherwise financially lucrative jobs. People that have been driving all their lives will have a hard time attempting to deal with having to find a whole new line of work, including acquiring education and the financial means to be able to pay bills while going to school and paying for the schooling itself. Has that even been considered in this apparent attempt to completely transform the industry?

What will happen when the first computer driven truck gets into a self-caused accident and takes human lives? Why should we just accept that these people coming up with this technology have citizen's best interests in mind? Aren't they all about profits and cutting corners wherever they can? At what point after testing do you determine that they are safe to have 80,000 pounds of truck traveling around human driven cars? How do you make that determination? If you proceed with this plan too soon, will you, those that are making and implementing these decisions, be held accountable for manslaughter if/when the first truck kills a bunch of people that is determined to be the fault of the computer driven truck? Finally, why should this testing even be done around humans? Why are you already taking that risk at citizen' expense?