

## Comment from Karen Wilcher

From the wife of a 30+ year/ 4 million miles accident-free Truck Driver, Highway Angel, and Citizen Driver finalist:

Speed limiters and split speeds for commercial trucks versus passenger cars have been used in the past with negative results. Statistics that are publically available all show that limiting the speed of certain vehicles on the road and not others INCREASES accidents, not the other way around. Even NASCAR tried this with their cars and that is when all the massive multi-car pile ups on the tracks started. Whether on a race track or out on the highway, speed limiters cause clumps of cars all grouped together fighting against the same max speed, so when one person gets impatient and makes a mistake all drivers nearby are negatively affected.

In no way what so ever is mandating speed limiters on commercial vehicles a safety feature. It will only make our highways more dangerous for everyone involved. Car drivers are already reckless and impatient around semi trucks. Mandating speed limiters makes semi trucks an 80,000 lb obstacle that car drivers will impatiently rush around causing even more accidents. Speed limiters also create back ups, increased traffic clumps, and limits maneuverability in certain situations. Please for the safety of everyone on our roadways, do NOT mandate speed limiters in semi trucks! All you will do is create more accidents and needless loss of life.