

Mo Thompson - Comments

As a dispatcher for an over-the-road trucking company, I have seen first hand the unpredictability of human driver behavior. Although our drivers maintain high levels of safety on the road; some of the behavior they witness of other drivers out on the road is downright scary - people changing their clothes, reading books, texting, applying make-up, etc. all while driving. As human behavior is highly unpredictable even with laws and regulations prohibiting certain actions while driving, I would argue that automated driving systems are likely to be safer than non-automated drivers, especially with recent advances in technology. While there are certainly limits to the current capabilities of automated driving systems, allowing further development of these technologies on the road will help spur on the advancement of better, more safe, systems.