## Tina Willis - Comments

My name is Tina Willis. I'm a Florida personal injury, wrongful death, and car & truck accident lawyer, and the owner of Tina Willis Law, a boutique personal injury law firm.

My head is spinning thinking about autonomous SEMI-TRUCKS on the road. Are you kidding me?

I have a tremendous amount of respect for semi-truck drivers, who perform an important service on our roadways, yet get little of the support they need to do their jobs in the most efficient (and safest) way.

Now you want to take many of their jobs away, too?

I cannot even imagine a vehicle that could weigh as much as 80,000 pounds being on the road, with human beings (not robots) in cars beside them. As a long-time personal injury and accident lawyer, I can GUARANTEE you one thing: any machine can break or malfunction. What then? With semi-trucks, I cringe to think about the horrific disfiguring injuries and deaths that would occur on our roadways when the automated computer didn't work. Do you honestly believe we have reached, or ever will reach, perfection with any machinery?

Even more concerning is that certain autonomous vehicle provider lobbyists are pushing for legislation that would eliminate safety certification requirements before these vehicles are approved to drive on the road. Sometimes I really wonder whether the people proposing these laws and regulations actually drive on our roads, or care about life itself.

The next step will be a movement to eliminate lawyers, liability, and lawyer fees. That's the best way (for the trucking manufacturers) to do whatever they want, and kill whoever they want, without any pesky problems like lawyers representing the families of people who are killed on our roadways, or victims who are severely injured or paralyzed, from this disastrous plan.

Oftentimes truckers find themselves fighting for monetary recovery after serious trucking accidents. Just like the other drivers on the road, My guess is that truckers driving or not driving these vehicles will be victimized just the same.

Please, for heaven's sake, do not put autonomous semi-trucks on our roads. I would really like to continue driving without worrying about a random errant computer-driving semi-truck running me or my family members over, not to mention the countless other victims (or their families) who will call me after terrible accidents.

My guess is that the industry might find a way to eliminate lawsuits (since the potential for expensive disaster is so high). Then I will be stuck telling more people that the law has tied my hands, so I just can't help. I already have to give that speech when declining cases (from seriously injured victims) far more often than I would like, due to absurd laws that protect corporations at the expense of "the little guy."

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