Zachariah Groth-Corcoran - Comments

Trains have been in a struggle for years implementing a system to slow or stop trains when engineers fail to slow to posted speed limits. This has been a requirement since 2015 that has continually been pushed back because they have had problems with all the different companies/ systems communicating. Trains follow a track there for no turns, no detours, no blurred pavement markings, ect. Trains are still operated by an engineer and someone to switch tracks or connect or disconnect rail cars. Honestly the easiest form of transportation to go autonomous while still implementing a pilot to switch tracks, connect or disconnect, ect. Though autonomous trains are not even thought of. Despite having remote controlled locomotives. If they still cant seem to figure out the PTC (Positive train control) system why do we think we can safely go autonomous trucks that deal with changing conditions daily. Not to mention the onboard computers crashing or being hacked and used as a weapon. I am all for driver assist systems but we just aren't ready for autonomous trucks. Its far too dangerous for the motoring public. We have already had too many autonomous car deaths, especially when they should be safer than a human driver. So if the current rules and laws slow or even stop the testing or deployment of autonomous trucks then I am in full support of the rules staying as is. Until other forms of transportation go autonomous then we just are not prepared for autonomous trucks. Keep the autonomous trucks off of public roads for the safety of the entire motoring public. I understand the testing needs real world testing but they are not safe enough to be put on public roads yet. I believe someday we will get there but we cant rush this. Peoples lives are at stake. Too many accidents with autonomous vehicles already, too many mistakes, too many failed attempts. Please for the safety of our families prevent the testing and deployment of autonomous trucks until the systems are proven and less room for mistakes. There are just too many changing variables on the roadways.