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Autonomous driving should be closely monitor when it comes to commercial use. Yes, we have the technology that allows for fully autonomous driving, but should we fully commit to this? From personal experience, seeing those that operate their personal phone while operating a vehicle still continues to today. I cannot count the times where someone cuts me off while they are on the phone looking at a text or trying to make a phone call or nearly rear-ending my car because their focus was on the phone rather than the road. They put everyones lives on the line. The idea of autonomous driving is great, but we need to truly examine those who continue to drive distracted. Even today, with phone mounts being available, it is just another form of distraction for the driver to see their notifications.

Understanding that autonomous driving will be closely regulated, it does not stop someone from thinking outside of the box to change the intended operations of the vehicle. There are some videos that are shared online of those who operate Tesla vehicles which is SAE Level 2, misusing the technology, so how will that be regulated? Will the vehicles have artificial intelligence supervising the operator of the vehicle? I believe there are many times that human intervention in driving is more appropriate than autonomy. Of course, the technology is designed or geared towards operation of a commercial vehicle in normal conditions, but what happens when sudden changes occurs. Evidently, we are sacrificing our safety if FMCSA is able to move forward with this rule.