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The fact of the matter is that the technology self-driving semi trucks is relatively the same as self-driving vehicles which have been largely in the news over the last few years having caused multiple accidents and fatalities. Technology is unsafe and when you combine it with a truck loaded up to 80,000 lb going at highway speeds, having a professional driver who is trained and experienced in the seat rather than a computer programmed by someone who only understands the mathematical mechanics behind the job rather than all the possible variables is definitely the safer option for the general motoring public. A self-driving semi truck is essentially a computerized truck and all technology has random glitches and in this case it would potentially mean that if my computer has a glitch of some sort that people would die. By the FMCSA online statistics, semi truck drivers are safer than the average car driver and when you couple this with the fact that an experienced driver can handle all terrains and weather conditions as opposed to a computer, it is most definitely the safest option for the motoring public to have an experienced driver behind the wheel rather than a computer controlling that much weight around passenger vehicles.