

Thank You all for listening to my testimony,

My name is Eric McCoy. I was born and raised in the Columbus, Ohio area so I'm a local resident. I am married with 3 kids. My father owned his own printing business. It was very small family owned. He was not a wealthy man but provided for his family. Unfortunately economy took it's toll on his business and was forced to close the business and sell off the printing equipment to pay the bills. We each went on to other careers. I chose Truck driving cause of the unlimited jobs available and the solid growth in the industry. I put myself through a local truck driving school to acquire my CDL-A to be able support my family. During my career I have been involved in accidents that I was NOT at fault. Matter of fact one year I was in 2 seperate accidents that was NOT my fault. Due to me "being at the wrong place at the wrong time" these type accidents caused my personal vehicle insurance to go up. I called my insurance agent about it. I was told it showed a history of unsafe driving. I argued that my insurance did not pay out any claim so the insurance company did not suffer any financial loss so why am I paying more for insurance due to someone else's negligence. I lost the argument and was unable to change insurance companies for the same reason. I was forced to pay more for insurance. Shortly after that I lost my job as a truck driver due to my driving record showed I was in 2 accidents in a 6 month period which broke a company policy. Again both accidents I was NOT cited but it showed up on my driving record cause I was involved. I was not able to find another company driving position cause of this. I was out of work for 3 months. I used all of my savings account and purchased my own semi truck to put myself back to work. I was able to find work then. The reason why I can get work as an owner operator is I take all the risks. This law is unfair to the innocent victim(s) involved in any accident involving a motor vehicle. Please change the law to where only the cited or at fault driver is charged with the accident that it goes on that driver record only. The Bureau of motor vehicle calls it a "driver's abstract" which lists all the citations and accidents from that driver.

I also do not understand why the law states that all citations must stay on a driver's record for 3 years and accidents 5 years. Why is the accidents on a driver's record 2 years longer? It only makes sense if the citation for the accident automatically comes off a driver's record the accident should too.

Thank You for your time and listening to my testimony.

Due to my new job I am unable to be in person.

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