HCR 8: Trucking

## Resolution

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To Chairman Nathan Manning, Vice Chairman Andrew Brenner, Tina Maharath, Hearcel Craig, Bob Hackett, Frank Hoagland, Michael Rulli, Tim Schaffer, Cecil Thomas and Steve Wilson

My name is Eric McCoy. I was born and raised in the Columbus, Ohio area so I'm a local resident. I recently became a widower. My wife passed away in September. We was married for almost 28 yrs. and had 3 kids. My father owned his own printing business. It was very small family owned. He was not a wealthy man but he provided for his family. Unfortunately the 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. Everyone 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 was NOT my fault. Matter of fact one year I was in 2 seperate accidents that was NOT my fault. These type of 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. I couldn't afford to change insurance companies for the same reason. I was forced to pay more for insurance. Then my employer at the time pulled my MVR record also known as "Drivers Abstract" for my annual review. I lost my job as a company 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. It does not show on your driving record who is at fault. 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 cause I take all the risks. This law is unfair to the innocent victim(s) involved in any accident involving a motor vehicle. Please ammend the law to where only the cited or at fault driver is charged with the accident that it goes on their driver record only. The Bureau of motor vehicle calls it a "Driver's Abstract" which lists all the citations and accidents from that driver.

Thank You for your time and listening to my testimony. Eric McCoy