

Dear Committee Members:

My Name is Jerol Gohrick, I have been in the trucking industry over 25 years, and I don't understand how you can issue a violation for using part of an industry standard for stopping a truck!! On trucks without engine brakes, you replace the brakes about 5 times faster on average compared to trucks with an engine brake!! It costs \$100.00 for a set of brakes X 8=\$800.00 + Labor at \$180.00/hr, an hour per brake=\$1440+\$800.00=\$2240.00. You will spend that every 25,000 miles versus using an engine brake and running a set of brakes to 125,000 miles! How can the government step in and affect my bottom line like that when this issue all falls on the cities for building too close to the interstate!! The interstate was there long before these cities moved out to the road, so how do you penalize companies for doing what they have done for years just because our city managers are too ignorant to build away from the road?? I have several trucks that make no extra noise when the engine brake is on, so how do you tell me not to use it?? We already have noise ordinances in place to protect from the noise! Use that law, it makes more sense to everyone!! Or is there another reason to not use engine brakes?? We don't need another ridiculous law to limit my ability to do business!!

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