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Spook,

just got off the phone with Mike Southards from Washington. They had a fair amount of 3<sup>rd</sup> party testers and found out after time that many were not doing their job or were just taking money. He suggested if you wanted more information to talk to Gib Kingsley at 360-902-3759.

He was the auditor hired by the state to audit the 3<sup>rd</sup> party testers in Washington and he was the one that found all the graft and corruption. Mike does not think we would be wise to weaken our current CDL testing program as it opens the door for standards drop. As I read the draft it would be much easier to get a CDL than now and that would only work if the standards are maintained.

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**Subject:** FW:

Here is the draft of the CDL bill that would allow for private testing. Any comments would be appreciated

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**From:** Jim McKinny [JMcKinny@davistransport.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011 11:34 AM

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**Subject:** JM:Third party testing

Spook, I think this is a very bad idea. Currently, only the State of Montana is redentialed to determine if an applicant is fit to obtain a CDL. If the goal is highway safety, the State should train for and administer all CDL testing functions. Adding the third party only opens the door for reduced standards and shortcutting. I really can't see why any company out there would risk "vicarious liability" issues in order to speed up or short cut the licensing process. That comes under the heading of desperate people do desperate things. The part that really bothers me is that "the road or skills test may not be waived by the department for a commercial driver's license applicant who operates or will operate a tour bus." Apparently they feel that tour bus drivers are inherently less safe than the rest of us. If safety is the concern, no one should be exempt. I think there is enough history out there (TN and Swift) to show that this is just bad legislation.

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