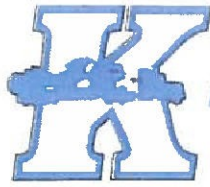


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House of Representatives Transportation Committee hearings on Senate Bill 295

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Testimony of: Jesse H. Keen V.P. & Owner of Keen Transport with headquarters in Carlisle, Pa. & Cressler Trucking based in Shippensburg, Pa.

As a father, grandfather, owner of trucking companies with over 500 trucks, employer of 800 plus associates & their families that live & work in the Cumberland Valley of Pa. I support & strongly urge you to pass Senate Bill 295 as written.

We need a statewide idling restriction law for the state of Pa. for the following reasons:

- To reduce the amount of diesel exhaust particulate matter in the air known as PM 2.5
- To reduce the health risk of the citizens of Pa.
- So that we have 1 statewide law vs. the potential of a patchwork of county & local laws.
- To stop wasting diesel fuel through unnecessary idling.
- To save money, it's big dollars going out the stacks of those trucks.
- To protect Pa. from being the haven it currently is for out of state truckers parking & idling in Pa. because they can't in the surrounding states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York & Virginia. Those states have laws to prevent diesel trucks from idling.

Senate Bill 295 is a good bill because:

Until May 1, 2010 it allows sleeper trucks to idle during a driver DOT required rest period if the temperature is less than 40 degrees (for cold weather) & greater than 75 degrees (for hot weather).

It allows truckers 2 years to buy new 2008 CARB 50 state compliant trucks or equip their existing trucks with in cab heaters, cooling units or APU (alternative power sources).

Provides & allows idling for trucks in traffic, safety issues, servicing, inspections & emergency uses.

Provides for allowing the truck to run when being used for work related propulsion. Examples would be aerial bucket trucks, blowing off loads of feed, dumping loads, cement mixers & applications where the truck engine is required to run a power take off.

I'm a trucker & I support this purposed legislation because:

- Saves millions of gallons of diesel fuel.
- Saves millions of dollars.
- Step in the right direction to help protect the environment & health of the citizens of Pa.
- Makes truckers become part of the solution & not the problem.
- IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO !!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & INTEREST IN SENATE BILL 295



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