

**Statement of Dana and Tim Logan
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I have been driving trucks as part of a tandem team for over 30 years with my husband, Tim. We both know, all too well, the devastation that can be caused by driver fatigue. In 2004, we were hit by a fatigued truck driver, which resulted in the deaths of five people, including two children.

The crash occurred on a beautiful June evening. Tim and I were stopped in traffic on I-30 in Sulpher Springs, Texas. We heard a loud explosion, and our truck was suddenly shoved forward when a tractor trailer behind us failed to stop. Unfortunately, there was an SUV directly behind us. The impact caused the SUV's gas tank to explode and pushed the vehicle completely under our trailer. Two fathers and 2 children were decapitated. Our truck was pushed on top of an SUV in front of us, which was then shoved into the tractor trailer in front of it. Our trailer then caught on fire. An investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) of the deadly five-vehicle crash revealed that the truck driver who caused the crash had fallen asleep. When Tim tried to get the injured driver out of his truck, he asked Tim, "Did I hit something?" Those were his last words before he died.

Fatigue is a major problem in our industry and often has deadly consequences. I have seen coercion take place first hand and know the relentless pressure placed on drivers to get to their destination as fast as they can. Nearly 75 percent of long-haul truck drivers have received an unrealistically tight delivery schedule and nearly 40 percent of long-haul truck drivers reported violating hours of service (HOS) rules according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

As a truck driver, I urge Congress to make changes to ensure that drivers are well rested, and not push us beyond our limits. We deserve a safe working environment and all the motorists around us deserve to be driving next to safe, alert truck drivers. Increasing drivers' hours is not the answer to the deadly problem of truck driver fatigue.

Thank You.