

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 900

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & CIVIL JURISPRUDENCE

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I believe Texas needs safe roads, and I ask you to OPPOSE HB 19. This bill will make it harder to hold trucking companies accountable when they violate safety standards, endangering all of us on the road. Trucking companies have little incentive to follow the rules and adopt safety measures without enforcement through our courts. Giving trucking corporations special privileges in civil cases will make it harder for victims of truck wrecks to hold them accountable. HB 19 stacks the deck against Texas citizens when they are forced to take dangerous trucking companies to court. These bills would be disastrous for road safety in Texas. Texas already has the worst record in the nation for large truck crashes. If these bills become law, they will provide even less incentive for trucking companies to follow the rules. VOTE NO on HB 19! If you are involved in a commercial vehicle crash, you are more likely to be injured or die than the truck driver. 72% of people killed in commercial motor vehicles crashes are occupants of other vehicles, meaning families die while the at-fault truck driver walks away. These large trucks can weigh up to 20 times more than the weight of an average car. If you survive a truck wreck, medical bills pile up quickly from the catastrophic injuries they cause. You might not be able to work, and your family pays the price. If the trucking company hires a driver with a bad safety record or an addiction, paralyzing a loved one in a crash, the trucking company should be held fully accountable. Our government should be focused on protecting life, not rewarding corporate wrongdoers for the harm they cause. HB 19 will only make it harder for Texas families to seek justice, leaving all of us to pay the cost. I urge you again, PLEASE VOTE NO on HB 19.