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CDL for motor grader operators:

I firmly believe that the existing regulation in place needs to be amended. The CDL written and driving test is structured toward semi-trucks as well as it should be, but it has absolutely nothing to do with heavy equipment. There are several pieces of equipment that exceed the 26,001 lb. rule. Farm tractors, scrapers, front end loaders, etc.

All of our motor grader operators go through a training period by experienced operators prior to being allowed to operate in traffic areas.

It would also open up more potential employee prospects. I know firsthand that people have looked in other directions for employment based on the fact that our advertisement states that we require a CDL license. It's a win situation for everyone if this new exception is accepted.

Ernie Sheets

Road and Bridge Supervisor