

Dear Jay,

[You can now submit comments in response to the recent Hours-of-Service notice.](#) The proposal will provide drivers more opportunity to rest when they are tired, stay off the road during adverse conditions, avoid congestion, and maintain greater control over their own schedules. The proposed rulemaking includes the following HOS changes:

- OOIDA's petition that would allow a single off-duty rest break of up to three hours.
- Modification of the 30-minute break rule - must be taken after 8 consecutive hours of driving rather than 8 hours on-duty.
- Improved split sleeper berth options beyond 8/2, such as 7/3, 6/4, and 5/5. Be sure to explain how you would use these options and why you feel it can be done safely.
- Expanded "Adverse Driving Conditions" exemption that will extend on-duty time from 14 hours to 16 hours when necessary. Tell the Agency what other conditions other than weather should be included (i.e. congestion, accidents, etc.).
- Short-haul exemptions extended from 12 to 14 hours and from 100 air-miles to 150 air-miles.

OOIDA encourages everyone to provide feedback on these changes. Your comments will help make these improvements permanent. If you have other suggested HOS changes beyond those listed, don't hold back and please include them in your comments.

[CLICK HERE to file comments. \(Docket # FMCSA-2018-0248\).](#)

[CLICK HERE for more information on the HOS rulemaking.](#)

FMCSA has also announced two public listening sessions concerning HOS:

- Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>: 10:00am -Noon central time at the Great American Show in Dallas, Texas. (Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, 650 S Griffin St., Dallas, TX 75202)

The listening session will be webcast here -  
<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/mission/policy/public-listening-session-live-stream-hours-service-drivers>

- September date to be determined: 10:00am-Noon eastern time at FMCSA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. (1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, D.C. 20590)

We will keep you posted as the regulatory process moves forward. Thank you!

-OOIDA Call to Action Team