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With regard to the proposed NIOSH Survey on Truck driver Safety & Health, I believe the questions are valid but do not go deep enough or in the right direction. I can say, having driven OTR for 10 years, that a lot of driver fatigue and stress starts at the dispatcher and may be extended to the commerce delivery system as a whole. I realize the consumers needs for products and no survey is going to change that but considering a typical OTR driver has to travel large distances but is given a very short time to get there, a restrictive time frame that dictates he/she must violate hours of service regulations in order to make his/her delivery on time.

Since the money to the driver stops when the truck wheels stop, maybe part of your survey should include a look at the mechanism under which the driver works. We've come a long way in upgrading truckstop food, some drivers exercise more than they used to, we've become more health conscious, but the need to get cross country in an unreasonable time still exists.