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Why anybody in there right mind would oppose this bill is beyond me! After being in this industry for 20+years i have seen alot, we are on call 24hrs a day 7 days a week with a minimum of 10hrs off in between shifts. The phone never rings at the same time and you are usually not properly rested. Two men in the cab of a train is a must, not only to keep each other focused but because are duties are not the same. The railroads say the conductor is in charge of the train but yet they want to remove them from the cab.Explain that!

There is so many variables that can happen in any 12hr shift that are out of are control. Four eyes are definately better than two when it comes to safety for everybody involved including the public, and the enviroment. We haul very dangerous gas, liquids, and so on. They use the excuse well we have positive train control for safety, well take it from someone that spends almost some part of everyday on a train it can fail! We have problems with it all the time, wether it be controlling the speed or stopping, many times we dont have it at all due to failure!

A computer can not replace two men who are professionals at there job!

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