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Passenger vehicles crashing into the sides or rear of tractor-trailers is a decades old problem that continues to claim countless lives. In fact, posted in the 1969 Federal Register, NHTSA was prepared to study and solve the underride tragedy. That has been over 50 years ago! NHTSA has lost its way by not adhering to the basic mission statement for which it was created. How many underride deaths and catastrophic injuries have occurred in the past 50 years? It's likely that tens of thousands of lives have been lost because of truck underride. There has been considerable research demonstrating that underride deaths are grossly undercounted. What has NHTSA done to fix the undercounting problem? My Daughter Roya was an underride victim - her death by underride was NOT reported correctly in the FARS database. I've looked at numerous crashes and checked to make sure they were reported correctly in FARS - the majority were not. There's plenty of data that demonstrates sideguards would be effective in preventing underride injuries and death. Many public comment submissions for the ANPRM on sideguards have included supporting data and evidence that clearly supports implementing side underride protection. NHTSA's core mission and duty is to protect the motoring public. It is PAST TIME to move forward with side underride protection on tractor trailers and box trucks.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrLEKxy6a0>

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Attachments 1



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