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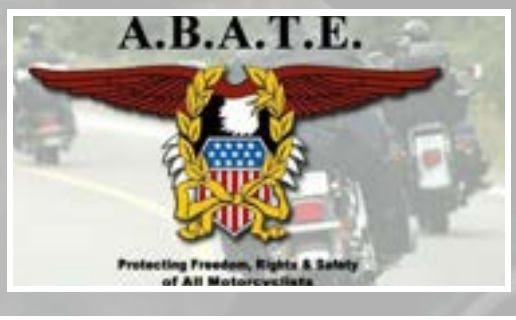
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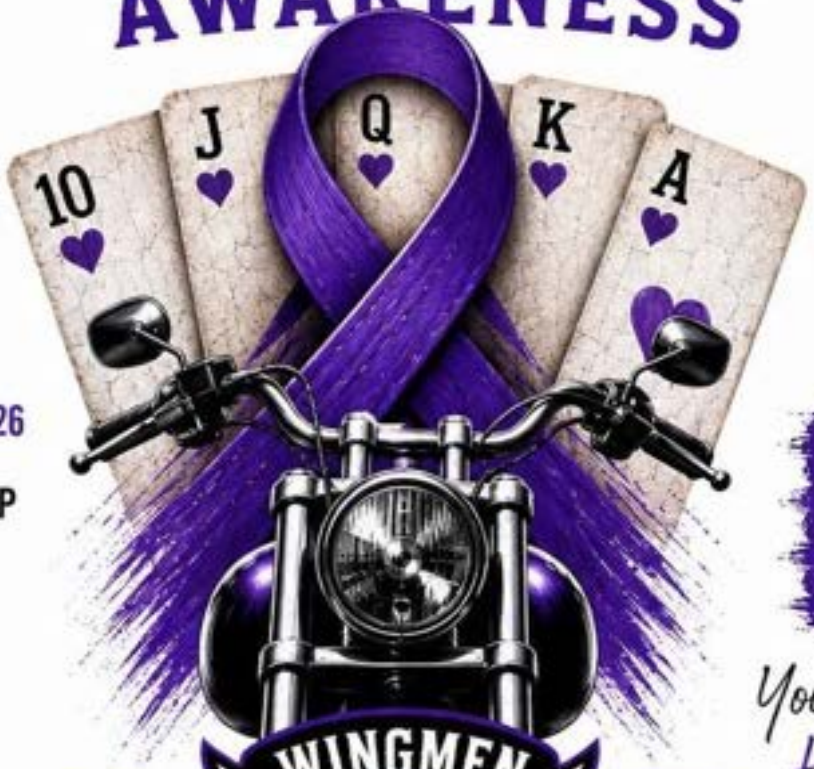
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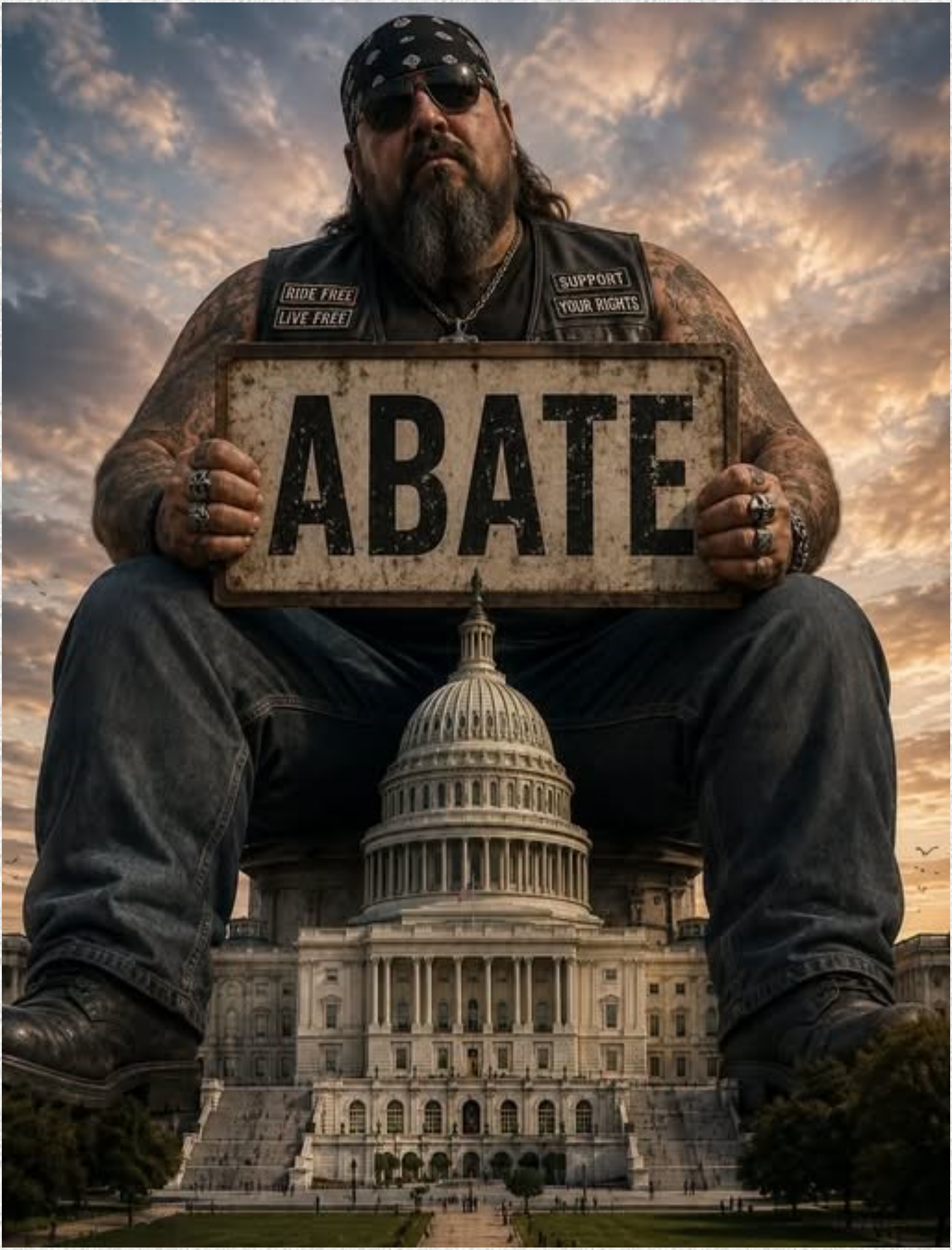
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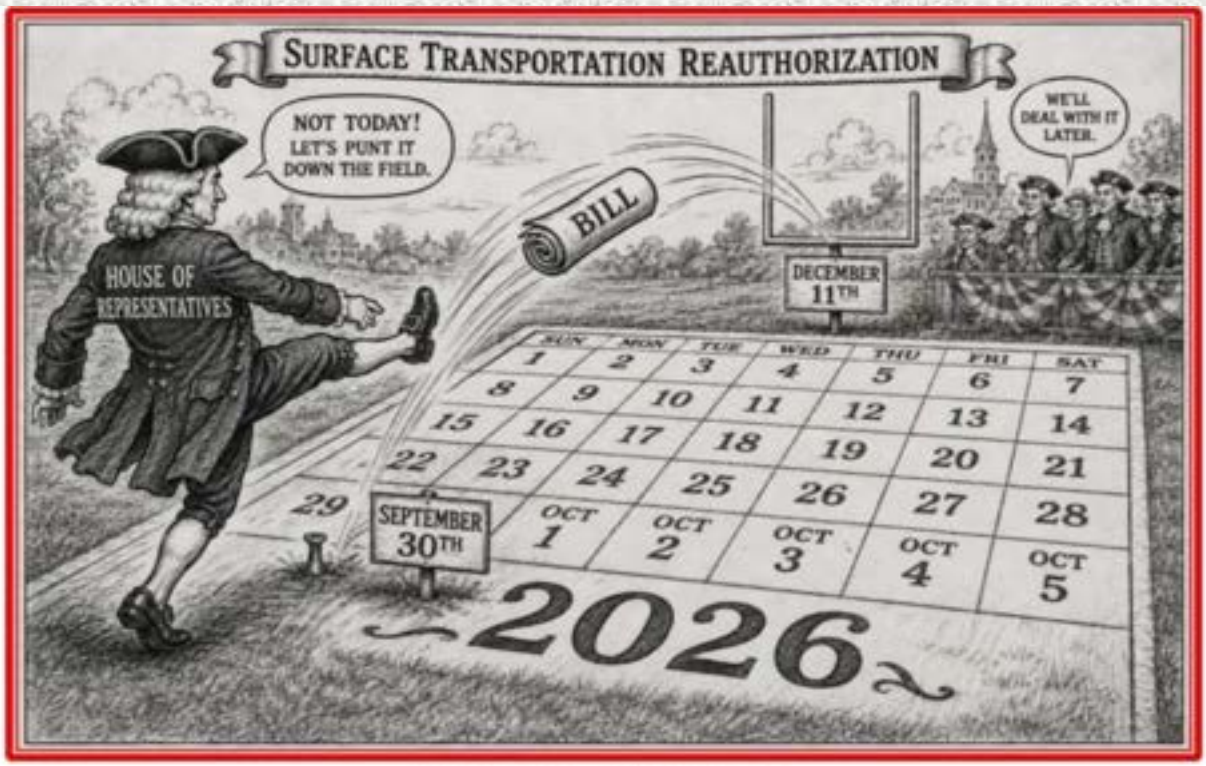
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NATIONAL NEWS



House Passes Highway Bill Extension

September 4, 2026

As expected, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed legislation extending the current federal highway program, moving the deadline from September 30 to December 11, 2026. The extension, included in a continuing resolution to fund the federal government, provides Congress with additional time to negotiate and advance a long-term surface transportation reauthorization. Transportation programs will continue operating through December 11th under the measure.

For the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), the extension means several important motorcycle priorities remain in play as Congress works toward a broader highway bill. The MRF will continue advocating for provisions addressing motorcycle profiling, the Motorcyclist Advisory Council, Right to Repair, and ensuring that advanced driver-assistance and automated vehicle technologies properly recognize and account for motorcycles.

"While extending the highway bill avoids an immediate deadline, the job is not finished," said MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard. "The next several months will be critical for ensuring that the final legislation protects the interests of America's motorcyclists."

The House action follows Senate passage of the continuing resolution last month. With the December 11th deadline now established, lawmakers have additional time to work toward a comprehensive, multi-year surface transportation bill. The MRF will remain engaged with members of Congress and transportation policymakers throughout the reauthorization process and will continue fighting to ensure that the nation's motorcyclists have a seat at the table.

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Ride In Freedom Act

House Version H.R. 10067 / Senate Version S. 5274

August 21, 2026

The Ride in Freedom Act (H.R. 10067 / S. 5274) would give adult motorcyclists in Washington, D.C., the freedom to decide for themselves whether to wear a helmet. This is not a mandate against wearing helmets. If you choose to wear one, you absolutely can! The bill simply puts that decision in the hands of the individual rider.

More than 30 states already recognize this freedom of choice for adult riders and more states have moved in this direction over the past several decades than have moved toward greater restrictions. The nation's capital should be a bastion of freedom and giving adult motorcyclists the freedom to make their own decisions is a perfect example of that principle.

Whether you live in Washington, D.C., or ride there as a visitor, motorcyclists deserve the freedom to make their own informed choices.

Take action today and tell Congress: Support the Ride in Freedom Act!

Now we need your help! For years, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation has used software to automatically generate the emails sent to your legislators. This software is currently unavailable. Instead, we will try a more personalized approach, but this does require extra steps, as legislators no longer receive direct emails as part of SPAM prevention. Please follow the instructions below.

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6. If a topic selection pull-down appears, choose Transportation.
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As your constituent and a motorcyclist, I am writing to ask you to cosponsor H.R. 10067 / S. 5274, the Ride in Freedom Act, introduced by Representative Derrick Van Orden and Senator Tim Sheehy..

This bill is fundamentally about freedom of choice. It does not tell motorcyclists they should not wear a helmet. If you want to wear a helmet, you absolutely can. The bill simply allows adult riders to make that decision for themselves rather than having the government make it for them.

More than 30 states already recognize this principle of individual choice for adult motorcyclists. In fact, over the past several decades, more states have moved toward allowing adult riders to make their own helmet decisions than have moved toward mandating what riders must or must not wear.

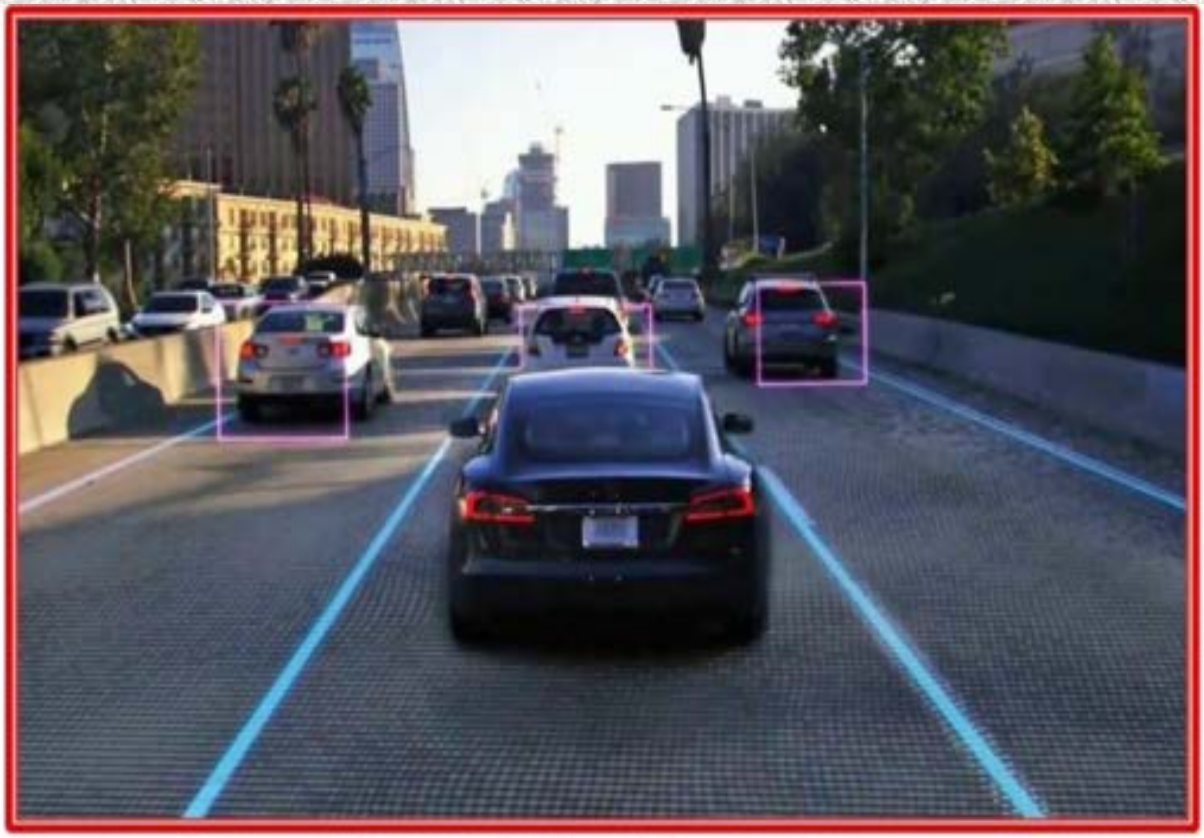
Residents of and visitors to our nation's capital should have the same freedom enjoyed by motorcyclists across much of the country. Washington, D.C., should not be an exception to the growing recognition of individual choice.

I respectfully ask you to cosponsor H.R. 10067 / S. 5274, the Ride in Freedom Act, and support the right of adult motorcyclists to make their own informed decisions.

Thank you for your consideration and for representing our community in Congress.

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NATIONAL NEWS



New DOT Rules For Autonomous Vehicles

September 11, 2026

Last week, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced a new national strategy for developing and deploying automated vehicles (AVs), outlining the Trump Administration's approach to safety, regulation, and innovation in this rapidly evolving technology. In a statement, Department of Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said the strategy "Outlines specific actions that DOT will take over the next few years, while laying the groundwork for the longer-term future."

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) will continue to closely monitor the Administration's AV policies and remain committed to ensuring motorcycles are part of the conversation.

Motorcycles present unique challenges for automated driving systems. Their smaller size, maneuverability, and riding characteristics require AVs to accurately read, react to and respond to motorcycles in real-world traffic conditions. As the DOT moves forward with this strategy, the MRF will continue advocating for motorcycle safety to be incorporated into AV testing, research, standards and regulations.

"Motorcycles cannot be an afterthought as automated vehicle technology develops," said MRF President Kirk "Hardtail" Willard. "We will continue to make sure the interests and safety of motorcyclists are represented as the federal government establishes the rules of the road for this emerging technology."

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2025 Day after Bikers Inside Beltway, Senate acts on HJ Resolutions resulting in revocation of waivers to California Air Resources Board (CARB)

2024 MRF leads Congressional Motorcycle Caucus "Ride To Work" on the streets of Washington DC to promote Motorcycle Awareness.

2024 MRF representatives officially appointed to the Federal Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC)

2023 Six MRF members selected to the "Community of Practice" groups, updating federal motorcycle safety guidelines.

2023 MRF meets with NTSB officials, discussing concerns over Autonomous Vehicles (AV) not recognizing motorcycles.

2022 U.S. House Passes H. Res 366 Motorcyclist Anti-Profiling Resolution

2022 Government funding bill includes language directing NHTSA to report back to Congress on activities and policies related to the profiling of bikers

2022 27 Members of Congress send letter to NHTSA seeking answers on recent crashes involving autonomous vehicles and motorcycles

2022 Inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame

2018 By unanimous consent, the U.S. Senate Passes S. Res 154 – Motorcyclist Anti-Profiling Resolution

2012 National Transportation Safety Board drops motorcyclists from "Top Ten" list

2012 Established the MRF Industry Council allowing aftermarket manufacturers to be more involved with the bikers' rights movement

2009 Held the first national motorcycle lobby day event in Washington, DC

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We also do a 3rd Sunday ride each month. Our starting point is Your Pie on the square in Clarkesville (usually at 11am) Follow our District 2 Facebook page for current info and any updates.
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CHANGING LANES - Motorcycles can easily fit in the blind spots of your mirrors. Put your blinker on and **CHECK TWICE**, turn your head to **LOOK** to ensure there is no motorcycle in your blind spot!

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DON'T FOLLOW TOO CLOSE behind a motorcycle - a motorcycle needs more room than a car or truck to stop. Keep a good distance behind a motorcycle, leaving enough room for you to stop.

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CHECK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE
MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERWHERE!!!

DON'T TEXT WHILE DRIVING

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DISTRICT 10

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See https://www.facebook.com/ABATE-of-Georgia-District-10-663888670676315/

DISTRICT 11

District 11 meets.. 2nd Sunday..2PM
VFW Post 660 5115 Ogeechee Rd
Savannah, GA

District 11 covers the following Counties: Bryan, Bulloch, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Jenkins, Liberty and Screven.

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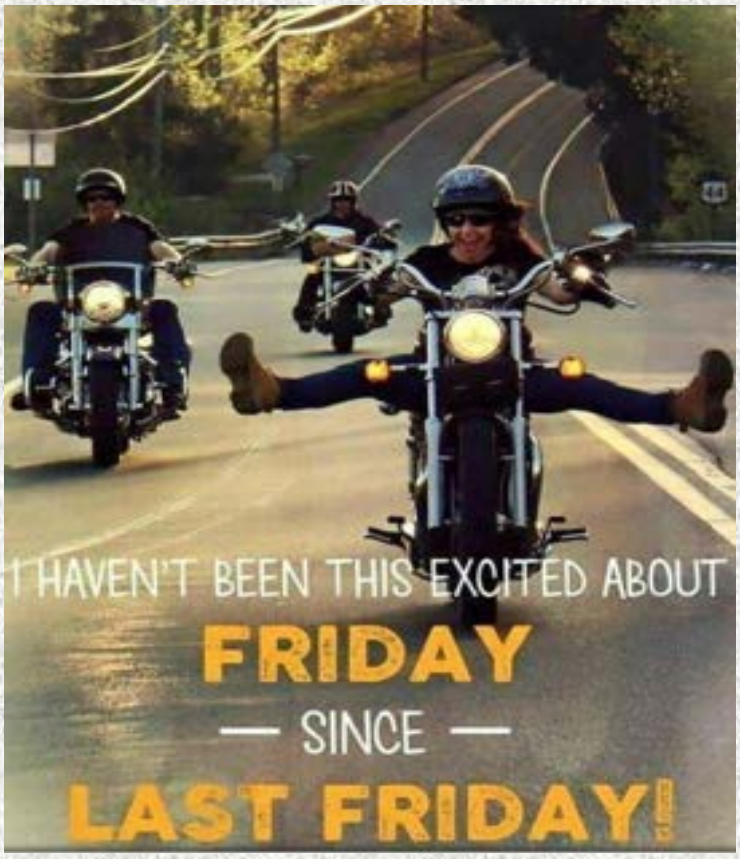
DISTRICT 13

District 13 covers the following Counties: Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Colquitt, Cook, Crisp, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Thomas, Tift, Turner, and Worth. Meetings are on the first Sunday of each month at 2PM at the Wiregrass Farmer on Gordon Ave in Ashburn, GA. See https://www.facebook.com/AbateofGaDistrict13/

Dennis at 229-924-7449 or DC-13-ABATEGA@hotmail.com for more information

DISTRICT 15

District Coordinator
Randy Squire
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FISH TALES
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