
WHY EVERY RIDER SHOULD STAND WITH THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION & ABATE

As a **Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) Representative**, one of the questions I am often asked is:

“Why should I support the MRF?” and/or “Why should I join ABATE?”

The answer is simple — and it matters now more than ever.

The **Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF)** is the **national motorcycle rights organization**, whereas **ABATE of Washington** and other **State Motorcycle Rights Organizations (SMROs)** across the country advocate on a state level.

These organizations exist for one purpose: **To protect our right to ride.**

That means protecting:

- **What we ride**
- **How we ride**
- **When we ride**
- **Where we ride**
- **And who we ride with**

The MRF Board’s many Freedom Fighters are on the **front lines in Washington, D.C.**, advocating tirelessly on behalf of motorcyclists nationwide. While the MRF does not directly fight state-level battles, they can support SMROs when requested — and most MRF representatives are also deeply involved in their state organizations.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation employs a **full-time lobbyist in Washington, D.C.**, ensuring that **motorcyclists are never left out of the conversation** when laws, regulations, and policies are written.

Equally important is The MRF operates with 100% **complete financial transparency**. Treasurer **Kris Cook** is always willing to share how funds are used — because this fight belongs to all of us.

The MRF Board is made up entirely of **volunteers**—men and women who donate their own time, money, and miles to advocate for riders across the United States. Many serve on transportation and motorcycle safety boards, and several are honored members of the **Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame**.

For more than **40 years**, the MRF has hosted its annual **Meeting of the Minds** — a training ground for motorcycle rights leaders. It isn't just a meeting, it's a training ground for hundreds of freedom-loving motorcycle advocates gather to sharpen their skills:

- Leadership development
- Legislative strategy building
- Building effective advocacy
- Creating national legislative priorities
- Strengthening the fight back home

Because rights don't defend themselves — **people do**.

For decades, our rights as riders are attempted to be **chipped away**, constantly — through regulations, profiling, overreach, and ignorance.

If we want our **children and grandchildren** to enjoy the same freedoms we do, then standing aside is not an option.

So the real question isn't *why* you should support the MRF or ABATE.

The real question is:

Why wouldn't you?

For the cost of **a couple of brewskis**, you can join and support the men and women who **actively defend your right to ride**.

No excuses.

No sidelines.

No spectators.

Join ABATE. Support the MRF. Stand for Freedom.

Because laws don't change themselves—and freedoms don't defend themselves.

Because **YOUR freedoms depend on it**.

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A snapshot of what The MRF has accomplished with rider support:

2025 One day after Bikers Inside the Beltway lobby event, US Senate advances HJ Resolutions, resulting in revocation of waivers for California Air Resource Board (CARB)

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

2024 MRF leads Congressional Motorcycle Caucus “Ride To Work” on the streets of Washington D.C. to promote motorcycle awareness.

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 House Motorcycle Caucus reaches record 39 members of the House of Representatives

2022 Inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame

2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) reestablishes the Motorcyclists Advisory Council at US DOT

2021 IIJA includes more than 20% increase in Section 405 Safety Funds for State Motorcycle Safety Programs.

2021 IIJA sustains past victories on banned motorcycle only checkpoints and restrictions on NHTSA state lobbying activity

2019 Seven Members of Congress send letter to NHTSA regarding the definition of a motorcycle and autocycles

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

- 2017** Senate Motorcycle Caucus Established
- 2015** FAST ACT passes the US Congress and moves to the President's desk
- 2014** MRF helps New York City avoid EPA Stamp law
- 2014** Walberg Amendment passes, retaining the NHTSA ban
- 2013** MRF Testifies before the EPA
- 2012** National Transportation Safety Board Drops Motorcyclists From "Top Ten" List
- 2012** Established the MRF Motorcycle Club Committee to formally recognize the support of Motorcycle Clubs and Confederations
- 2012** Established the MRF Industry Council giving aftermarket manufacturers the opportunity to be more involved with the bikers' rights movement
- 2011** MRF met with US DOT Secretary LaHood to discuss backing off of the NHTSA funded motorcycle-only checkpoints and encouraged LaHood to reinstate the Motorcycle Advisory Council
- 2011** Former State Senator and MRF Assistant to Motorcycle Safety, Bob Letourneau testifies before the Highways and Transit Subcommittee lauding the importance of motorcycle safety programs
- 2009** Conceived and implemented the MRF Awareness and Education organization
- 2009** Participated in the D.C. Motorcycle Caucus – Met with the RNC for the first time in MRF history
- 2009** Held the first national motorcycle lobby day event
- 2009** Actively engaged in debate with the CPSC on the youth bike ban, which was eventually overturned
- 2007** MRF works with Congress against the NTSB push for national helmet laws.
- 2006** MRF was a key player in creating the National Motorcyclist Advisory Council.
- 2006** MRF ushered 44 states into the Federal Motorcycle Safety Program, obtaining grants totaling \$6 million per year for State motorcycle safety programs.
- 2005** MRF was instrumental in defeat of Senator Lautenberg's national helmet law amendment

- 2004** MRF releases “EPA for the Layman” for highway motorcycles
- 2001** Health Insurance Discrimination rules challenged
- 2000** MRF and New England motorcyclists came together to stop Helmet Law
- 1998** MRF and SMROs persuade Congress to include NHTSA Lobby Ban and prohibition of motorcycle bans on federally funded roads in Transportation Funding bill.
- 1995** MRF and our SMRO Partners succeed in repealing the federal helmet law blackmail against the states.
- 1991** MRF was instrumental in removing all references to “Motorcycle” from the DeDoncini Outlaw Gang Bill
- 1987** The MRF, working with grass-roots activists, stopped legislation that would ban the sale of “superbikes”



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