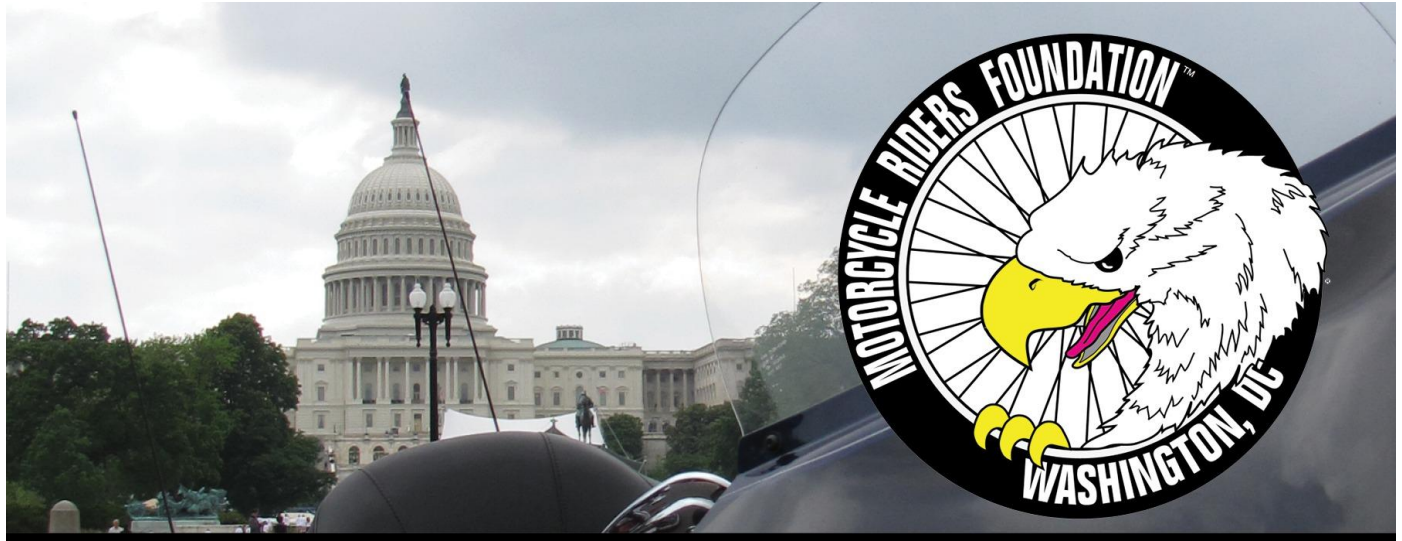




Ride With The Leaders™ to Bikers Inside the Beltway

BIKERS INSIDE THE BELTWAY FINDING COMMON GROUND

Bikers inside the Beltway – with the encouragement and direction of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, since the first Bikers inside the Beltway in 2009, thousands of bikers have met with their elected representatives and educated them about issues of importance to all street riding motorcyclists.

Last week, President Biden signed into law what the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives agreed upon -- a \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending package that funds the federal government through September 2023 and avoids a government shutdown. Included in that 4,155-page bill is a request by Congress to learn more about the profiling of motorcyclists.

Specifically, within the funding section for the Department of Transportation, language states that: ***The Committee is concerned that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) may be conducting activities that encourage states to adopt legislation, regulation, or other policies that unjustly profile motorcycle riders. The Committee directs NHTSA to report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the extent to which the agency works with states on motorcycle passenger policies within 120 days of enactment of this Act.***

The words of retiring U.S. Representative David Price from North Carolina may just as well apply to the recent efforts of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation “... *Understand that not every battle can be won on the first try and that politics is a matter of striking a balance between ... compromising and finding common ground where you can, and fighting where you must.*”

The MRF's victories, realized in the waning hours of Congress in December, should drive home Congressman Price's words. Those victories came from the year-after-year vigilance of MRF members writing, calling, and meeting with members of Congress during the Motorcycle Riders Foundation's annual Bikers inside the Beltway.

The pandemic, and the events of January 6, 2021, did not deter the MRF. More than one hundred motorcyclists attended the first in-person meetings in 2021 with members of Congress. Even more attended Bikers inside the Beltway in 2022.

Now is the time for you to make plans to attend Bikers inside the Beltway – May 15 & 16, 2023.

As in years past, Bikers inside the Beltway will be dual-faceted to accommodate in-person visits to Congress plus visits to local district offices.

To ensure that the mission of getting our message to Congress continues to be successful, please consider the following:

- Make your appointments locally or in Washington
- Familiarize yourself with the briefing points
- Confirm your appointment locally or in Washington
- Virtual or in person, make notes on your meeting
- Share your meeting notes with the MRF

In conjunction with Bikers inside the Beltway, a meeting of the MRF Board of Directors takes place on May 15 at the Embassy Suites, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, Virginia. Rooms are available through the hotel direct line **703-684-5900 and use reference code MRF.**

Attending Bikers inside the Beltway is an essential element of the MRF's grassroots activism. Make plans to attend the pre-event briefing and Q&A for visits to Congress, scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 15. Briefing packets and "leave behinds" will be available during the briefing.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation's Bikers inside the Beltway — May 15 & 16, 2023.

Thank you for your commitment.

Yours in Freedom,

Fred

Fredric Harrell

MRF Director of Conferences & Event

P.S. Registration for Bikers inside the Beltway is free. However, we request that you register early to help us plan the event. Use the link or the QR code below for Bikers inside the Beltway registration. Thank you.

<https://motorcycleridersfoundation.wildapricot.org/widget/event-5008758/Registration>