

KEY PENINSULA

It was great seeing everyone that attended Black Friday 2025, reuniting with familiar ABATE members and meeting new ones from around the state to meet with our legislators, both incumbent and newly seated Senators and Representatives!

Great job and **hearty thanks to the committee for a successful event.** The vibe in all the meetings we attended was positive and well-received with proactive discussion and interest in what we had to say. Instead of the typical **"handshake, nod & I have another meeting" received by some in the past, legislators actually listened to us, asked questions, and even entertained discussion, both on and off-topic.**

Each year is a learning curve, and being involved with the process of communicating with our legislators regarding our cause and concerns is very **rewarding, especially when the Representatives and Senators actually listen and ask questions.**

See you all soon, Spring can't get here soon enough stay safe!

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