

## MRF PAC Gears Up To Support Biker-Friendly Candidates

In just a little over a year, voters across the country will head to the polls for the 2026 midterm elections. While it may seem far off, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) and the MRF Political Action Committee (PAC) are already preparing for this critical election cycle.

The MRF PAC, while a separate entity from the MRF, is affiliated and plays a vital role in advancing the priorities of motorcyclists in Washington, D.C. Through donations from riders and supporters, the MRF PAC works to elect and support candidates, regardless of party, who stand up for the rights and freedoms of America's motorcyclists.

As a bipartisan organization, the MRF PAC's guiding principle is simple:

We support those who support motorcyclists

To ensure that candidates truly share our values, the MRF PAC has developed a candidate questionnaire used to screen individuals seeking elected office. This tool helps identify those who understand and are committed to issues important to the motorcycling community.

While the questionnaire includes ten key questions, here are a few examples of what candidates are asked to consider—each with a simple "Support" or "Oppose" checkbox:

Would you support or oppose legislation preserving the consumer's ability to choose a vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine?

Would you support or oppose autonomous vehicle legislation ensuring motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures—and that manufacturers disclose how their vehicles detect motorcycles?

Would you support or oppose legislation to end the practice of profiling motorcyclists through better education and training of law enforcement agencies?

Would you support or oppose legislation guaranteeing states the right to determine their own motorcycle safety equipment requirements, without interference from Congress or federal agencies?

These questions help ensure that those who receive MRF PAC support are genuinely aligned with the interests of riders nationwide, whether it's defending

consumer choice, promoting safety through awareness, or protecting states' rights to set their own standards.

As the 2026 elections approach, the MRF PAC will continue to identify, support, and promote candidates who respect motorcyclists and our way of life.





## **About Motorcycle Riders Foundation**

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.

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As the nation emerges from the longest government shutdown in history, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is preparing for a fast-paced and politically charged 13-plus months in Washington, D.C. Midterm election years always bring a compressed congressional schedule. 2026 will be no exception. On average, the U.S. House of Representatives meets just 130 days in even-numbered years. The Senate averages 142, which is roughly three weeks fewer than in non-election years.

This condensed schedule means less time for Congress to legislate, debate, negotiate and even less time for groups like ours to ensure our priorities are heard. The 2025 government shutdown further reduced the year's "work days," leaving lawmakers with a backlog of unfinished business to address in the months ahead.

With razor-thin majorities in both chambers and Republicans maintaining narrow control, the political stakes will be high. The GOP will be under growing pressure to deliver tangible results before voters head to the polls in November. Reauthorization of the highway bill will be among the top priorities. It provides one of the most direct opportunities for both parties to advance their policy goals.

That's why sustained engagement by the MRF is more critical than ever. When Congress moves quickly, there's no time to introduce ourselves or educate new staff about our priorities. Success in these moments depends on preparation, relationships, reputation, and readiness built long before the legislative rush begins.

The MRF's government relations team continues active outreach with key committees, congressional offices, and regulatory agencies to ensure the voice of motorcyclists remains part of every relevant discussion. As these 13-plus months

unfold, your involvement, your outreach, your stories, and your presence will be vital to securing the victories we need.

In a compressed political environment, preparation and persistence will determine success. By staying engaged and ready, the MRF and its members can continue to protect and advance the rights of all motorcyclists when opportunity strikes.



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