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## Texas ABATE Confederation Inc.

The mission statement of Texas ABATE Confederation is to promote and defend motorcyclist's freedom, safety and awareness through education and legislation to make Texas the best place to ride.

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# Editor's **NOTE**

**Newsletter Editor**  
**Rina Gutierrez**



As we roll into February, the days are still short and the bikes may be tucked away, but the Texas ABATE FEderation is already gearing up for a busy and meaningful start to the 2026 riding season. Winter is when the groundwork gets laid — the conversations, the planning, the outreach — all the behind-the-scenes work that makes our presence stronger once the kickstands go up.

One of our first opportunities to connect with members across the state will be at the monthly meetings. Meetings are about building relationships, sharing knowledge, and reminding riders that their voice matters. If you're attending, bring a friend who isn't yet a member and introduce them to the community that has their back.

As we look ahead, I'm reminded of what makes our association special: we don't just ride together, we show up for each other. We advocate, we educate, and we strengthen the brotherhood and sisterhood that defines motorcycling in Texas.

Stay warm, stay hopeful, and stay connected. Riding season is closer than it feels, and we've got a lot to look forward to.

Ride safe!

*Rina*

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

# Independent<sup>™</sup> CORNER

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*Joe R. Morris*

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## **Texas ABATE Membership**

As you know, membership is one of the key ingredients to sustaining Texas ABATE and without our members we would cease to exist. According to Merriam-Webster, the definition of membership is: 1) the state or status of being a member; 2) or the body of members. ABATE members are not only a state, status, or body of numbers; we are Texas constituents, voices and votes.

Help increase our Texas ABATE membership by signing up and sponsoring new members to join our organization. Use the recipe below to encourage individuals to join.

**S** – *Sustainability*...Assist in the growth of Texas ABATE membership

**U** – *Understanding*...Knowledge of what Texas ABATE stands for and our mission

**C** – *Communications* ...Maintain open communications

**C** – *Cooperation*...Cooperation is vital to achieving ideals and goals

**E** – *Education*...Promote compliance with the laws of Texas public roads & highways

**S** – *Safety*...Promote safety of both motorcyclists and motorists

**S** – *SUCCESS*...ACHIEVE favorable and desired outcome(s)

**Marcus Daub**  
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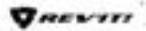
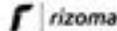


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# MRF Priorities Center Stage

Just two weeks into 2026, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) is already seeing key priorities move into the spotlight on Capitol Hill. On Tuesday, the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade will hold a hearing titled "American Automotive Safety, Affordability, and Leadership." This is a critically important venue for addressing issues that impact motorcyclists, as it brings together lawmakers who shape federal policy on vehicle standards, consumer protections, and emerging transportation technologies.

Sixteen bills are listed for possible discussion during the hearing. While it is unlikely that each proposal will receive the in-depth attention it deserves, the sheer number of measures under consideration signals that this powerful committee is paying close attention to the future of American mobility. Of particular interest to riders is H.R. 3385, legislation to update the federal definition of a motorcycle, along with H.R. 1566, the REPAIR Act, which focuses on the right of consumers to repair and modify their vehicles. Also included are informal legislative drafts addressing autonomous vehicle policy, an area the MRF continues to monitor closely as these technologies increasingly share the road with motorcyclists.

The MRF has been in active contact with our champions on Capitol Hill, as well as congressional committee staff, regarding the hearing and the bills under review. These conversations are essential to ensure the unique needs and safety concerns of America's motorcyclists are understood as lawmakers debate affordability, safety, and innovation in the automotive space.

The message is clear: even at the very start of the year, MRF priorities are at the forefront in the halls of Congress. We will closely track the hearing and keep our members informed about the discussions, outcomes, and next steps as they unfold.



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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
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## **Congressional Committee Discusses Key Biker Issues**

Earlier this week, the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade convened a hearing focused on America's automotive future, including the deployment of autonomous vehicles, the federal definition of a motorcycle, and pending right to repair legislation.

A major theme of the hearing was the urgent need for clear, consistent national standards for autonomous vehicle technology. Committee Chairman Brett Guthrie of Kentucky emphasized the importance of federal leadership, stating, *"We need a national standard that is robust, safe and gives people assurances on the technology. We cannot have 50 different patchwork standards."* This concern mirrors long-standing warnings from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) that motorcyclists cannot be an afterthought in the design and regulation of emerging vehicle technologies.

The hearing also addressed the outdated federal definition of a motorcycle, particularly as new vehicle types such as autocycles enter the marketplace. The MRF, joined by ABATE of Wisconsin, submitted letters for the record in support of modernizing the federal definition and urging passage of H.R. 3385, legislation intended to ensure that motorcycles are accurately defined and treated consistently across all states.

Right to repair legislation was another focal point, with discussion of the REPAIR Act, H.R. 1566. Bill Hanvey, President and CEO of the Auto Care Association, testified in strong support of the bill, saying, *"The REPAIR Act simply allows the consumer to be able to choose where, when and how their vehicle is repaired."* Hanvey also noted that more than 235,000 independent repair shops operate nationwide, providing consumers with reliable and affordable repair options that are increasingly threatened by restricted access to vehicle data and tools. The MRF supports the REPAIR Act and believes that the right to modify is also a key part of this discussion.

The MRF remains committed to ensuring that federal lawmakers understand the unique needs of motorcyclists, whether that means being properly recognized in vehicle definitions, accounted for in the deployment of autonomous technology, or empowered to maintain, repair and modify their own machines. This week's hearing demonstrated growing momentum in Congress to address these critical issues.

May 17, 2026



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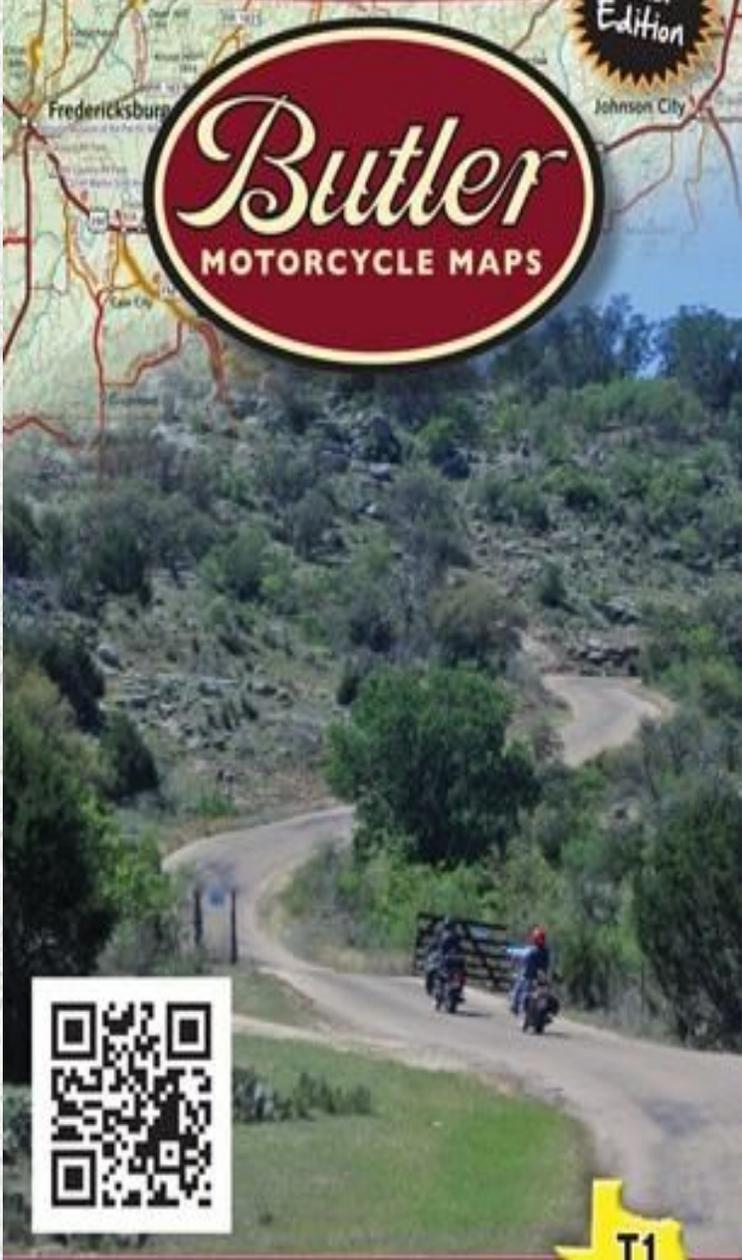
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# Motorcycle Riders Foundation 2026 Legislative Priorities

## 2026 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

### **Autonomous Vehicles:**

Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles (AV):

- Endorse rulemaking to set new standards specific to seeing, detecting, and properly reacting to motorcycles.
- Ensure motorcycles are part of all testing and development procedures.
- Promote that any AV public user advisory committees should include a representative from the motorcycle community and a motorcycle manufacturer.
- Require a public, easily accessible, and searchable database where consumers can look up important safety information such as the limitations and capabilities of different products offered by AV manufacturers or service providers.
- Require that all AV manufacturers must submit safety evaluation reports to detail and make public how their vehicles identify motorcycles among other road users. Manufacturers must also include human error analysis in safety reports.
- Require that all AV manufacturers publicly report crash data and share incidents between AVs and motorcycles just as they would incidents between AVs and other road users.
- Protect the safety of motorcyclists with any rules or standards as they relate to electronic and cybersecurity systems including the clarification of rights of data ownership of any recorded data in the context of connected and autonomous vehicles.
- Inclusion of motorcyclists' perspectives in discussions regarding the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS).
- Work to ensure motorcycles are a separate classification of vehicle and road user for purposes of regulation and testing of AVs.
- Protect the set aside radio spectrums necessary for Dedicated Short Range (DSRC) vehicle to vehicle communications.
- Protect additional spectrum as needed for Vehicle to Everything technology (V2X).

### **Crash Avoidance:**

Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.

### **Data Recording:**

Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer.

The consumer should have the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.

**Definition of a Motorcycle:**

Educate policymakers and ask for a change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape. Collaborate with appropriate stakeholders concerning the federal definition of a motorcycle, ensuring that crash and fatality statistics continue to be separate from other classes of vehicles including autocycles, non-motorcycle powered vehicles such as mopeds, scooters, motorized bicycles, and various cabin-based steering wheel type vehicles.

**Emission Regulations:**

- Engage the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.
- Work against any efforts by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) or any other agencies or boards that endanger the future of motorcycling.

**Helmet Laws/Equipment Mandates:**

Oppose any mandatory federal helmet or personal protective equipment/apparel mandates. Advocate for limiting funding of any federal government entity with increasing involvement in advocating for a universal helmet law or similar initiatives.

**Internal Combustion Engines:**

Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines, including elimination of the California air quality exemption waivers which allows California to enact different standards and threatens internal combustion engine production. Pursue similar policies for other state or federal agencies or boards as needed.

**Profiling:**

Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promote awareness related to, and prohibit the practice of, the profiling of motorcyclists. Seek opportunities to include legislative language that:

- Monitors and responds to federal legislative or regulatory activity concerning the usage of the terms gang, club, or any derogatory term when referring to motorcyclists.
- Promotes increased public awareness on the issue of profiling of motorcyclists. Encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcycling community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end profiling of motorcyclists.
- Urges state law enforcement officials to include statements condemning profiling of motorcyclists in written policies and training materials.
- Outlaws the practice of profiling of motorcyclists.

- Opposes any motorcycling, motorcycle, or motorcyclist-based discriminatory legislation or rules proposed by the U.S. Congress or by any governmental agency.
- Protects U.S. citizen motorcyclists reentering the country from undue detainment based on their associations, apparel or lifestyle.

#### **Renewable Fuels:**

Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) including the following actions:

- Support the universal availability of approved fuel blends, containing no more than 10 percent ethanol by volume.
- Promote additional research and independent studies concerning the effects of higher blends of renewable fuels on motorcycles.
- Ensure the availability of separate pumps (i.e., no multi-dispensing, blender pumps) to minimize the risk of damage to motorcycle engines where higher blend of renewable fuel blends is available.
- Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of legislation which requires information to be provided to the public about the risks associated with the improper use of E15 fuel (or higher) in certain vehicles, engines, and equipment.

#### **Right to Repair/Modify:**

Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their own products or allow a designee selected by the consumer to repair or modify the consumer's property.

- Promote access to parts, tools, diagnostic equipment and other technology that allows the consumer or their chosen designee the ability to repair and/or modify motorcycles.
- Advocate for the availability of reproduction parts by third party vendors, ensuring consumer choice in the selection of products.
- Monitor California Air Resource Board or any other state, agency or board's policies on parts approval process and transparency.

#### **Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):**

Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (the current act is set to expire 2026). Ensure the following provisions are included:

- Promote Motorcycle Education & Awareness Program Grant Funding. (Renewed Every 5 years)
- Preserve the ban on federal funding for Motorcycle Only Checkpoints.
- Preserve the NHTSA Lobbying Ban and expand to other federal agencies.
- Reestablish the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to advise the U.S. Department of Transportation. (Renewed Every 5 years)
- Preserve motorcycles are not considered single-occupancy vehicles for HOV lane access.

- Oppose any motorcycling related federal blackmails or federal sanctions.
- Monitor for any action that would negatively impact motorcycles, motorcycling, and motorcyclists.
- Advocate the integration of an updated federal definition of a motorcycle.
- Advocate a mandate that autonomous vehicles must detect and respond to motorcycles.
- Advocate for expanding opportunities to address motorcyclist profiling.
- Ensure motorcycles are not banned from federally funded roads.
- All high priority MRF Legislative priorities and emerging technologies

**Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:**

Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

**2026 MEDIUM PRIORITY OBJECTIVES**

**Lane Filtering and/or Lane Splitting:**

Monitor and support federal efforts to study and review the benefits and concerns of lane splitting and lane filtering.

**Taxes:**

Encourage fair treatment of motorcyclists in any change to federal taxes related to transportation. Vehicle miles traveled and other tax proposals must account for the different impact motorcycles have on infrastructure.

**2026 MONITOR ITEMS**

**Distracted Driving:**

Work to discourage any/all forms of distracted driving.

**End of Life Directives:**

Oppose any program that seeks to limit the like usage of motorcycles based on manufacture date.

**EV Incentives:**

Seek fair tax rebate and or credits for the purchase of electric motorcycles similar to those offered for electric automobiles.

**Exhaust Systems:**

Monitor and vigorously oppose any federal standard proposing stamping and certifying of motorcycle exhaust systems.

**International Partnerships:**

Continue participation in motorcycle-related activity in the European Union, United Nations, Canada, India, China and other relevant global markets informing the membership of key developments.

**National Studies:**

Continue monitoring any national studies concerning motorcycles (i.e., Federal Crash Causation Study or MSF Naturalistic Study).

**Opponents:**

Monitor private and public organizations that oppose the legislative agenda or mission of the MRF.

**Sound Testing:**

Monitor any SAE Motorcycle Roadside Sound Testing (addressed by individual states).

- Monitor any action by the EPA Office of Noise Abatement.

**Tariffs:**

Monitor any tariffs on imported motorcycles, parts, or apparel.

**Tolling:**

- Monitor fair tolling concepts on federally funded roadways and projects supported by federal bonds.
- Monitor any congestion tolling concerning motorcyclists by federal, state, or local governmental agencies.
- Ensure that tolling technology is safe for use by motorcyclists.



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3)... To encourage goodwill and mutual understanding among motorcyclists, law enforcement personnel and the general public.

4)... To serve as an information source on matters pertaining to current laws, pending legislation, personal rights, political inclinations of elected officials and their constituents, and voter awareness.

5)... To act as a central responsive agency to devise and coordinate recreational, legislative, educational, and charitable activities



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SIZE	QTY	COLOR	PRICE	TOTAL
Small			\$ 15.00	
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X-Large			\$ 15.00	
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5" Patch			\$ 8.00	
Magnet			\$ 2.00	
TUIT			\$ 1 / \$5	
Sticker			\$ 2.00	



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**State Membership**  
**ANNUAL DUES INFORMATION**

Texas Abate Confederation Membership Dues & Renewal Fees		
Membership Type	Donation	Duration
Individual Membership	\$25	12 Months
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# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**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-Profilng 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-Profilng 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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**This just scratches the surface!  
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## THE 12 HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVES FOR THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION (MRF)

- **Autonomous Vehicles:** Advocate and monitor any legislation or regulations related to motorcycles concerning connected and autonomous vehicles.
- **Crash Avoidance:** Continue to promote the theme of crash avoidance versus safer crashing, urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to focus on crash prevention and support rider education by providing funding and other resources.
- **Data Recording:** Pursue legislative language that any collected or available vehicle data is the property of the consumer and in which the consumer has the choice of whether to opt-in to having their personal data communicated to interested parties.
- **Definition of a Motorcycle:** Educate policymakers and advocate for change to the current definition that better reflects the current two and three-wheel motorcycle landscape.
- **Emission Regulations:** Engage the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & Congress on any activity related to motorcycle emission regulations.
- **Helmet Laws/Equipment Mandates:** Oppose any mandatory federal helmet or personal protective equipment/apparel mandates.
- **Internal Combustion Engines:** Work to ensure the survival of internal combustion engines.
- **Profiling:** Sustain lobbying efforts for the passage of resolutions or legislation that promote awareness and the prohibition of motorcyclist profiling.
- **Renewable Fuels:** Advocate for targeted changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).
- **Right to Repair/Modify:** Protect and advocate for "Right to Repair" provisions that allow consumers the ability to repair and modify their motorcycles.
- **Surface Transportation Reauthorization (Highway Bill):** Advocate and pursue legislative efforts related to the next highway bill reauthorization (the current act is set to expire in 2026).
- **Vulnerable Roadway User Terminology:** Monitor and ensure that motorcycles and motorcyclists are a specific and unique category or classification.

# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Lake Cities CHAPTER Meeting 1PM	9	10	11	12	13	14 Happy Valentines Day
15 Texoma CHAPTER Meeting 1PM Arlington CHAPTER Meeting 12 Noon	16	17	18	19	20	21
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