

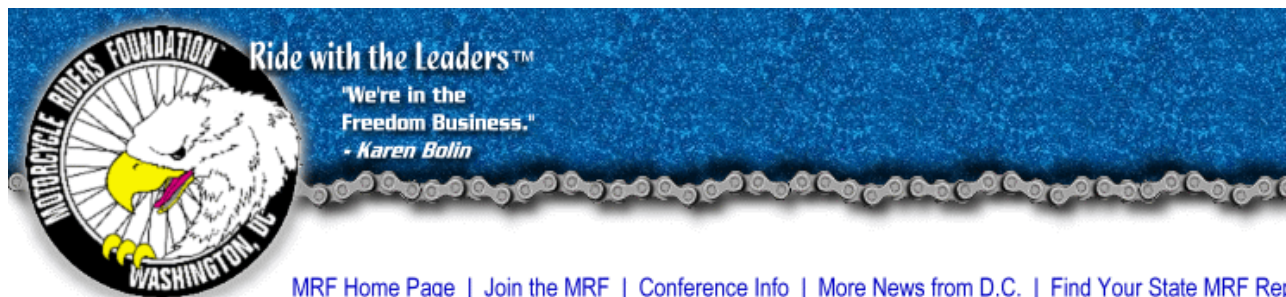


URGENT CALL TO ACTION

IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED TO DEFEND YOUR RIGHT OF CHOICE FOR HELMET USE IN FLORIDA!!!!

Deland, December 13, 2011 - Just in from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation is an **URGENT CALL TO ACTION.**

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is asking all to contact their US Senators, especially those listed below about this URGENT MATTER. **ABATE of Florida members and others in Florida are requested to IMMEDIATELY PHONE FLORIDA'S US SENATOR MARCO RUBIO AT 202-224-3041.** More information from the MRF is below:



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**11NR34 - MRF News Release - National Call to Action:
Federal Helmet Mandates**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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National Call to Action: Federal Helmet Mandates

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation reports that the US Senate Committee on Commerce Science and Transportation will be marking up The Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 2011 (S. 1449). This bill governs the National Highway Transportation Safety Administrations activities.

This bill has the potential to greatly affect motorcyclists nationwide.

There are three provisions that specifically target motorcyclists.

Call your Senators and ask them to:

1. Oppose Lautenberg amendment #1. This amendment would alter the motorcycle safety grant program by forcing states to pass mandatory universal helmet laws and drive federal tax dollars to be used to promote the use of helmets. This provision would make it easier for helmet law states to obtain 2010 grant money. This amendment would provide no money for awareness or training.
2. Support DeMint amendments #1 and #18. These amendments protect the NHTSA lobby ban. Under the proposed legislation are provisions to lift this lobby ban.
3. Support DeMint amendment #2. The bill, (S 1449) would change the definition of "motor vehicle equipment" to include motorcycle helmets. This would allow States to spend federal money dedicated to "motor vehicle equipment" on motorcycle helmets. The DeMint amendment would keep helmets out of that definition.

Call Now. Time is of the essence. Call you Senators via the capitol switch board at 202 224 3121.

Of key importance are the Senators on the committee you can contact them directly:

Senator Rockefeller-WV 202 224 6472
Senator Kerry-MA 202 224 2742
Senator Lautenberg-NJ 202 224 3224
Senator McCaskill-MO 202 224 6154
Senator Udall-NM 202 224 5941
Senator Begich-AK 202 224 3004
Senator Inouye-HI 202 224 3934
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Senator Toomey-PA 202 224 4254
Senator Ayotte-NH 202 224 3324
Senator Snowe-ME 202 224 5344
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This is of extreme importance. Please call today, Tuesday, December 13th, 2011.

Do not hesitate to contact the MRF should you have any questions. 202 546 0983

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