

## **Massachusetts Motorcycle Political Action Committee (MMPAC), Position Statement Request**

Hello [Candidate Name here]:

I've attached a copy of the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association's (MMA) 2015-2016 Legislative Agenda for your review and comment. Please review this Agenda and let me know if you have any questions. We are interested in your position on each of these MMA bills, and whether you would support them as a co-sponsor or with an affirmative vote; if not, why?

Though we are nearing the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the current session, we are gearing up for the "soon to be scheduled" Public Hearing for these Bills. In fact, H.3056, An Act Regarding Right of Way Violations actually had these hearings in July 2015.

You'll note that we have broad Legislative support for these Bills as evidenced by the number of co-Sponsors and we fully expect continued support for these Bills.

I would also ask that you comment on the following:

- Parents are currently able to carry their children as passengers provided they meet the safety equipment requirements. Legislation is periodically proposed which would restrict the age of those passengers – what is your position on such legislation?
- Legislation has been proposed in recent years which would have motorcyclists risking a \$250 fine and a 6 month loss of license for the "crime" of installing legal after-market exhaust systems – what is your position on such legislation?
- In some neighboring states, State and Federal funding is being used for motorcycle-only checkpoints. Massachusetts has experimented with such checkpoints resulting in scores of citations, almost all of which were overturned. What is your position on checkpoints which profile specific classes of individuals?
- In Massachusetts, MGL Chapter 90, Section 34, created a Motorcycle Safety Fund which is completely funded by a \$2 premium attached to every motorcycle registration. Do you believe that fund should be used "solely for motorcycle safety initiatives" as stated or should it be blended into the MassDOT general budget?

Also note that I will be sending this same request to all Candidates running for this seat.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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