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To: Michigan House Transportation Committee

From: Vince Consiglio, President ABATE of Michigan

RE: HB 4306

Dear Representatives,

Safety Awareness Fund" on page 2 of the Substitute Draft. This will create a fund, which is solely funded by motorcyclists, to promote motorcycle awareness to the general public. This is a User Fee to help protect the Users. No general state funds will go into the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Fund from this legislation. On Page 3 of the Draft, the state of Michigan currently doesn't have a "Look Twice Save a Life" program. This bill will create one. \$2.50 per original endorsement and \$2.00 on a 4 year renewal which is 50 cents per year. Motor vehicles turning left in front of motorcyclists is not uncommon and former Representative Pete Pettalia is an example of an accident that could have been avoided had that driver looked twice.

The 2nd component of the bill will raise the Motorcycle Plate fee from \$23.00 to \$25.00, to contribute the additional \$2.00 to the Motorcycle Safety fund. That earmarked money is used for the public motorcycle safety classes, which are available to new and experienced riders. Michigan has a long history of unendorsed riders making up a high percentage of the motorcyclists fatalities in Michigan. Due to lack of funding these classes have been cut the last 3 riding seasons.

Thank you,

Vince Consiglio