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RE: Proposal Number: PRN 2009-56

Mr. Robertson,

President Obama and Governor Corzine have repeatedly stated loud and clear that “Education is a priority”.

Education was, until recently, a priority in the State, but the MVC’s dramatic disinvestment in the Motorcycle Safety and Education Programs is unprecedented and a national embarrassment.

The Motorcycle Safety and Education Programs provided free safety training to New Jersey residents. I have read the MVC proposal that was published in the New Jersey Register and it is clear that the MVC is way out of bounds. The infamous “Trenton Makes...the World Takes” bridge, will need to be rearranged in order to accurately reflect the MVC’s intentions to harm motorcyclists as Trenton demonstrates yet another way to take, take, take. Outrage is the public reaction to the MVC’s proposal. Outrage that the MVC has attempted to reduce services and education programs owed to the public and dictated by law.

And, yes, we are the public. How many people do you know who ride? How many friends, family and co-workers do you know who ride? In addition, of those who ride, how many have you spoken to about increasing motorcycle registration fees while eliminating the motorcycle education programs at Sea Girt and Egg Harbor? We understand that you are intelligent enough to fully understand the double punch New Jersey residents have been hit with, and though we may be holding our breath waiting for the next assault, rest assured that we will be persistent in fighting this proposal and finding out the truth about the Motorcycle Education Fund. Remember, outrage is all the rage and these days of economic hardship scream out for reductions in fees, not increases.

We motorcyclists believe in persistence, and we will not rest until the MVC informs us of it’s plans to reduce registration fees for motorcyclists while also bringing transparency to the Motorcycle Education Fund which, by law, all motorcyclists have been required to pay into. As stakeholders, we will be persistent until the MVC shows us what has happened to the Fund, and what has happened to all the money spent on motorcycle registrations. We will also continue to seek better ways to keep motorcycling and motorcyclists alive and well in New Jersey.

Hey, MVC, we heard you loud and clear and we don’t like it one bit. Show us the money.

I would also at this time formally request an extension of the time for submission of public comments to Proposal Number PRN 2009-56.

Respectfully,

Signature

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