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The Honorable John Hoeven U.S. Senate 120 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Amy Klobuchar U.S. Senate 302 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Hoeven and Klobuchar:

The American Motorcyclist Association urges privacy protections for motorcyclists be included in S. 1925, the Driver Privacy Act.

Founded in 1924, the AMA is the largest member-based, non-profit organization representing motorcyclists in the United States. The mission of the AMA is to promote the motorcycle lifestyle and protect the future of motorcycling. As such, the AMA speaks for millions of on- and off-highway motorcyclists.

As you know, the bill would codify that information collected by an event data recorder – commonly referred to as a black box – is legally the property of the owner or lessee of a passenger motor vehicle.

However, as currently written, S. 1925 only provides privacy protections to vehicles that are specifically mentioned in 49 CFR, §563. This section does not include motorcycles.

As a result, the privacy protections offered to passenger motor vehicle operators would not extend to motorcyclists. In fact, all information collected from motorcycles would remain unprotected.

While event data recorders are not currently required for motorcycles, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration already requires all passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks, and buses to be equipped with a black box. The AMA believes it is only a matter of time before this mandate extends to motorcycles.

The AMA fully supports extending the provisions in S. 1925 to motorcycles, in much the same manner that the bipartisan H.R. 2414, the Black Box Privacy Protection Act, would do so.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, (202) 742-4301, or by email, wallard@ama-cycle.org.

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