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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor
State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Gov. Brown:

Thank you for signing Assembly Bill 1047 into law, which will ban the use of motorcycle-only checkpoints in California. The American Motorcyclist Association, in partnership with ABATE of California, has been working on behalf of our membership to ensure the discriminatory practice of motorcycle-only checkpoints be discontinued.

Founded in 1924, the AMA is the premier advocate of the motorcycling community. We represent the interests of millions of on- and off-highway motorcyclists nationwide. Our mission is to promote the motorcycle lifestyle and protect the future of motorcycling.

The AMA has long questioned the efficacy of these types of programs, and has supported a number of other states' efforts to adopt similar legislation. Targeting a single group of road users because of their chosen method of travel is simply unfair and unacceptable. Furthermore, the riding community would be better served if these limited federal dollars were used to augment and expand proven existing motorcycle awareness and safety programs, or to help ensure the completion of important research efforts such as the Motorcycle Crash Causation Study currently under way at Oklahoma State University.

The creation of the motorcycle-only checkpoint program was done with no input from the riding community, and has yet to provide any proof of effectiveness in reducing accident rates.

Once again, thank you for your recent signature of AB 1047.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Haris
Western States Representative