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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
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U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Ranking Member
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The Honorable David R. Obey
Chairman
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is a not-for-profit national organization founded in 1924. In partnership with our sister organization, the All-Terrain Vehicle Association (ATVA), we represent the interests of millions of motorcyclists.

We urge you to adopt an amendment to the 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill submitted by Representative Denny Rehberg to ensure that American children continue to operate properly sized youth-model motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). As you may know, the amendment was included with unanimous support in the House version of the fiscal year 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill.

The Rehberg amendment prohibits the use of funds to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) for the implementation and/or enforcement of section 101(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) as it relates to youth-model off-highway motorcycles and ATVs.

Earlier this year, the CPSC ruled on a request from the youth-model motorcycle and ATV industry seeking exclusion from lead content limits under section 101(b) of the CPSIA. While the CPSC voted to deny the request for exclusion, it ultimately supported a stay of enforcement of section 101(b) of the CPSIA regarding youth-model off-highway motorcycles and ATVs.

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While the CPSIA was passed with laudable intent, it contains a perilous unintended consequence that would force children onto vehicles too large for them to operate safely. In addition to this well-documented safety hazard, the rule has resulted in a severe and unwarranted disruption to families who recreate together, a deleterious effect on youth amateur racing, and has compounded the negative affects of the recession on an already suffering motorsports industry.

Please support the Rehberg amendment to prohibit funds to implement and/or enforce section 101(b) of the CPSIA by the CPSC. I urge you to include it in the final version of the fiscal year 2010 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill or in the all-encompassing Omnibus Appropriations bill.

Your support of the Rehberg amendment will help redirect the CPSC's focus on the products originally intended to be covered by the law.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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