

NATIONAL SEATBELT AND MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAW

Dear A.B.A.T.E. Member:

We would like to draw your attention to Senate Bill 1007, sponsored by Senator Chafee of Rhode Island. This bill seeks to once again hit the individual states, their legislators, and citizens against the central government. Our immediate concern is with the loss of authority for the individual states to enact legislation of their own design; freely and without federal restraints. Senate Bill 1007 will go to committee vote on October 17, 1989. It is urgent that you call Senator Hatfield and Senator Packwood as well as all the members of the committee to let them know you DO NOT SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1007.

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Sincerely,

Steve D. Benson, Secretary/Treasurer, BikePAC of Oregon, Inc.

The National Coalition Of Motorcyclists asks every biker that believes in the freedom of the road to make your voice heard.

October 17th is the tentative date set for the hearing on the Chafee Bill S-1007. This Federal Bill (The National Highway Fatality and Injury Reduction Act of 1989) would blackmail all states into mandatory helmet and seat belt laws by withholding a portion of federal highway funds.

We urge each and every one of you to write the United States Senators from your state, plus the Senate members of the Environment and Public Works Committee, to let them know that this decision should be left up to the individual states, and not the Federal Government.

Senator Chafee (R-RI) has received hundreds of letters to this effect. The problem is, we feel Mr. Chafee has already made up his mind, and no amount of letter writing seems to persuade him to change his position. Your Senators on the other hand, may be able to apply the needed pressure on the committee that will help fight this devastating piece of legislation.

A Western Union Legislative Hotline has been created for additional communication of your views. This Mail-o-gram has proven to have tremendous impact at a very small price. Each message costs \$5.75 and can be billed to your phone or a major credit card. The number to call is 1-800-257-4900. When the Western Union Operator answers, ask for hotline number 9490 (if switched to other operators, just keep asking for hotline number 9490). The operator will read the pre-written messages, and you will be asked to select your choice. Then just tell the operator the state you

live in, or the Senator you wish it sent to. This is a cheap price to pay for freedom, so please send one to both of your Senators, and as many committee members as you can afford.

Your choice of messages are:

1. One of the most compelling factors in the success of American democracy is the unity of the Federal Government coupled with the continued diversity of the States. S1007 strikes at the heart of that diversity. Vote NO on S1007.

2. To use a seat belt or a helmet is a decision that should be reserved to the people. S1007 is an attempt to erode the power of the people by coercing the States. Help preserve the 10th Amendment. Vote NO on S1007.

*3. Our State's legislature has the power and the ability to develop traffic law appropriate to conditions in this State. S1007 is an example of Federal coercion on an issue best left to the States. Vote NO on S1007.

Our system of government will work if we all participate. You are helping to keep this coercive bill from becoming another bad law. Write or call **TODAY!**

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