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Dear Transportation and Safety Committee ,

In 1988 the Motorcycle Ohio training program was created to provide affordable safety training to the motorcycle riders in Ohio. Motorcycle Ohio has provided an effective affordable program for over 30 years, including developing the Motorcycle Ohio Rider Enhancement (MORE) program. This curriculum is also used in neighboring state because of how effective it is.

I have several concerns with HB 550:

- With the number of programs already in existence and more being developed, how can the quality of training be ensured so the motorcyclists of Ohio are trained properly?
- As the technology involving a motorcycle and its interaction with the road and infrastructure changes, how are multiple training programs kept up to date?
- Will the rider needing an endorsement shop around for the "easiest" set of testing standards or scoring?
- Will trainers who teach multiple programs at multiple sites drift between programs teaching highlights from several and create their own hybrid program?
- Motorcycle Ohio is currently a 3 person team that handles the monumental tasks of overseeing training the students, training the instructors, quality assurance, data collection and range compliance. Should Motorcycle Ohio be used to do this for multiple programs?
- Should public money be used to support private sector training?

With these concerns I must stand in opposition of HB 550.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,  
Ed Schetter  
Executive Chairman  
ABATE of Ohio, Inc.

Registered voter

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