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**Ohio Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee**  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

**Testimony in Support of HB 201**

Chairman Reineke, Vice Chair McColley, Ranking Member Smith and members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer support for House Bill 201 and urge its adoption.

ABATE of Ohio (American Bikers Aimed Toward Education) is a 501(c)4 organization formed in 1978 and dedicated to the safety, education and preserving the rights of Ohio's motorcycling community.

Efforts by individual states, as well as the EPA to move to a majority electric vehicle market in the future is a concern.

In a time of economic uncertainty, gas powered motorcycles provide a fuel efficient, cost effective and traffic reducing transportation option for hundreds of thousands of motorcyclists here in Ohio. ABATE of Ohio is concerned with the push towards electric power and pressure to eliminate the internal combustion engine from the marketplace. This may leave many motorcyclists without options on how to power the motorcycles we ride.

We also feel this may limit the availability of sales, parts and service to the motorcyclists of Ohio. Many of these businesses are ones we've relied on for years.

We also would like to know the true cost of moving away from internal combustion engines. What are the non-tailpipe emissions: manufacture, increased maintenance to the infrastructure, maintenance of the vehicle itself and disposal of these vehicles end of life when compared to those of the internal combustion engine and its tailpipe emissions. What is the true cost to the environment?

HB 201 would still require Ohio to follow the Clean Air Act and its strict guidelines while maintaining the control of Ohio's elected officials.

Thank you to Rep. Demetriou and Rep. Hillyer for sponsoring this legislation.

And thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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