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## PASS THE MOTORCYCLIST ANTI-PROFILING RESOLUTION: H. Res 366

Background:

Responsible and law-abiding motorcyclists across the country continue to report instances of being harassed and singled out by law enforcement simply because they are riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle-related apparel. In fact, according to a recently conducted national survey, over thirty percent of respondents felt they had been profiled by law enforcement despite not committing any traffic infractions. Instances were reported in all 50 states and also shows a growing national trend when compared with similar surveys conducted since 2014.

In December of 2018 the United States Senate passed, by unanimous consent, a resolution on this issue. The 116<sup>th</sup> Congress version of this House resolution had 139 bipartisan cosponsors.

This year Representative Walberg (R-MI) introduced an identical resolution in the House, H. Res 366.

## MRF Position:

We believe, that through education and awareness, this issue can be addressed and mitigated. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has worked with federal lawmakers in getting a national, bipartisan resolution introduced to address this critical issue. This resolution promotes public awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encourages collaboration and communication between law enforcement and the motorcycle community. Further, the legislation urges state law enforcement officials to condemn the profiling of motorcyclists in written policies and training materials.

The House of Representatives should join their colleagues in the Senate and go on record about the need to end the profiling of motorcyclists.

## Request:

Support the motorcyclist profiling resolution and the motorcycle community by signing on as a co-sponsor to H. Res 366.