

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, U.S. Capitol  
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of a bipartisan group of 138 lawmakers and the nearly 10 million motorcycle riders across the country, we respectfully request the floor consideration of House Resolution 255, Promoting awareness of motorcyclist profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling. As the country comes together to recognize the need for meaningful policing reforms and a renewed conversation between law enforcement and the communities they serve, H.Res. 255 is an important step in elevating motorcyclist profiling into the national discussion.

Increasingly, motorcyclists feel singled out by law enforcement due to their appearance, apparel, or because they are simply riding a motorcycle. According to a national survey of riders, over 30% of respondents felt they had been profiled by law enforcement despite not committing any traffic infractions. While the stereotype of the “criminal biker,” has been exacerbated by Hollywood depictions of motorcyclists as dangerous and unlawful citizens; responsible motorcyclists are suffering the consequences.

H.Res. 255 currently has 138 cosponsors, an increase of more than 100 from the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, and healthy support from both Republicans and Democrats from 43 states and a territory. Additionally, a Senate companion bill, S.Res. 154, passed by unanimous consent in 2018. The broad bipartisan and geographical support demonstrates that this is not an issue confined to one region or political party. Though it is encouraging to see states such as Idaho, Maryland, Louisiana and Washington take steps to enact anti-motorcyclist profiling laws, the vast majority have not. Passage of H.Res. 255 will again place the issue of motorcycle profiling in the national spotlight and encourage more states to adopt similar laws.

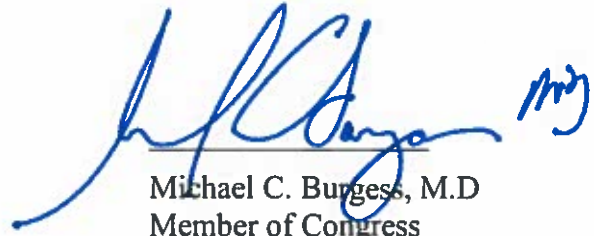
Every motorcyclist in the United States should be free to ride without discrimination. Before the expiration of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, we urge you to place H.Res. 255 on the legislative calendar for floor consideration.

We thank you for your prompt attention on this matter and we look forward to your response. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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