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# Director's Column

When it comes to a road trip, I always heard the ride was more important than the destination. I thought the journey through changes going on within the organization just might contradict that. Change is like a new road. You don't know what lies ahead until you get there. The twists and turns we are experiencing send the same adrenaline rush as a first time ride in the Rockies. The country side is beautiful, but the brotherhood shown when you are stuck on the side of the road has a way of putting the entire trip in proper perspective. No matter what direction you go, the final destination is always home.

The last few weeks we have talked about changes, but nothing big has been seen. That's a good thing. Nothing radical, just some duties returning home to their proper location. All money related matters will be handled by the Treasurer. Anything dealing membership will be handled by that chair. We will be following the procedures manual a lot closer when it comes to job description. Every position will have some degree of change in their duties. The good thing is folks are looking forward to doing their jobs more like it was supposed to be. Over time we all tend to wander off track, but when it comes time to go home, we know the quickest way.

We will be putting the load, along with responsibility, back on the charters. Every charter will be expected to participate in any committee formed. A couple of good examples would be the Legislative Committee and the Safety and Education committee. The members of these committees will be made up of the appropriate representative from each charter, not just by whoever shows up for a called meeting. The charters will have a direct say in everything we do. This will require charter members to participate a little more when it comes to certain things, but that is the way it should be.

We will be moving the BOD meetings to different locations during the year by holding a meeting in the east and west along with two in middle Tennessee. We all need to share a little of the road time that charters Memphis and Kingsport areas do. We will be holding two general membership meetings next year. This was done before, but it went the way of the stray bungee cord.

Thanks to Angel, we were asked to do a presentation to the HOG chapter at Bootlegger Harley-Davidson in Knoxville. We were well received and folks weren't shy with the questions. It would be nice to see the Knoxville charter reform and these folks could be a good start.

If you have any questions, please contact me. It is a lot easier to pass on facts than it is to repair the damage done by gossip.



Tony M. Dabbs  
CMT/ABATE State Director

Note: State Board Meetings are the second Sunday of March, June, September, and December



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## Legislative Director's Ramblings

Howdy everyone –We, CMT/ABATE, Incorporated are an advocacy group for Tennessee motorbike riders since our initial founding and our mission remains that we work as a team for the rights, safety, and freedom of Tennessee motorbike riders. Faces and names may have changed – the core mission remains the same.

In last month's column I mentioned that several legislators will not return after the last half of session ends during 2018 and I am learning more of their names and "where" and "how" they are going. The number affected is estimated to be thirty (30) or so people – more than 20% of the General Assembly. I can gladly state that the vast majority of our champions and friends are not part of this exodus. That said, we have champions who the membership must support and encourage our friends and family to support since I predict each of them will have a very serious and well-funded challenger.

I plan a pair of Legislative meetings for the month of August – one in the middle-west

(Jackson) part of our State and the other in the middle-east (Cookeville) part of our State and I want all interested Local Charter, at-Large, Independent, and Club guys to attend – not just our :Local Charter Directors and Legislative Directors. 2018 is guaranteed to be a busy election year with a Primary on 1, May 2018 and the General on 6, November 2018. Details will follow and the notice will be sent via email.

During 2018 all odd-numbered State Senate seats are up for re-election, and all State House seats are as well. We will also be voting for a Governor, one (01) U.S. Senator, some U.S. Representatives, and a multitude of County-level offices such as Sheriff, County Mayor, etc. The final date to qualify for most of these positions is 05, April 2018. There is a large group (I count seven or so) of Gubernatorial candidates from the Republican Party alone and all who plan to run in the Primary must decide by that day. I predict that most will drop out, of course.

But why bring it up now, instead of waiting until the end of the year? One – there will be a lot of people leaving and a lot of oppor-

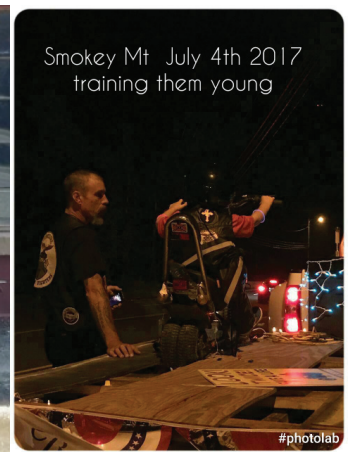
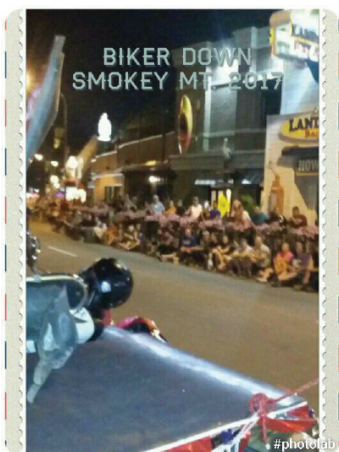
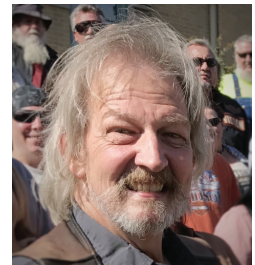
tunity. Two – we have a new President who won the office based upon people being weary of the "Washington Establishment". Some key people with who I regularly speak think this "Trump Effect" will still be strong at the State level when we go to the polls next year. I have the opportunity to be in the audience with many of the candidates over the next few weeks and trust me – I will ask those "uncomfortable" questions.

I repeat - we plan to charge hard with our helmet bill as soon as session begins, and work with Transportation Committee members regarding our "Breakdown Lane Bill". We have a project concerning "Road Guards" (we call them road captains or "blockers") that we think can be handled by a slight change in policy rather than law.

My words are strong and sometimes terse – my convictions are stronger. I want each Local Charter to invite candidates and incumbents to their meetings. If you want me there to guide the discussion or just be a part of the audience, please ask me to be there and I will work it out.

Okay – Riding season is well underway and let's all be safe out there. My motorbike has been down since December 2016 – maybe I'll have it ready by STR.

**J. Robert Forbus**  
Corporate Legislative Director





**MRF State Rep Report –**

Autonomous vehicle legislation speeds through committee  
 Lawmakers in the House are now turning their attention to self-driving cars. The House Commerce Subcommittee on consumer protection held a hearing on a slew of bills – 13 in total – to help scale back regulations and make it easier for autonomous vehicles to hit the road. Among the bills is a measure that would prohibit regulators from requiring pre-market approval for self-driving cars. Another measure would give up to 100,000 cars a year exemptions from regulations that the industry says are geared toward traditional vehicles. Lawmakers also looked at legislation on how cars could share data and considered establishing a cybersecurity advisory panel as concerns grow over the self-driving vehicles' and the threat of hacks. The issue has been receiving more attention from Congress in the last few weeks, as lawmakers struggle to keep pace with the rapidly emerging new technology. The MRF is continuing to pound the pavement, making sure that motorcyclists have a voice and seat at the table when it comes to these types of vehicles.

**Support Grows for Profiling Resolution**  
 In May, both the House and Senate introduced bipartisan, bicameral legislation addressing motorcycle profiling. H.Res.318 and S.Res.154 promote public awareness of motorcycle profiling and encourage collaboration and communication between law enforcement and the motorcycle community. Further, the legislation urges State law enforcement officials to condemn motorcycle profiling in written policies and training materials. The legislation was a major focal

point for the 2017 Bikers Inside the Beltway event as well as the subject of a recent email campaign led by your MRF. At the time of writing, 1,601 letters were sent to our U.S. lawmakers in support of the legislation. Our co-sponsor list did grow in the House - we are up to 12 cosponsors total, but we remained stagnant in the Senate. FOLKS - in order to get this legislation, the attention it deserves, we need support. Post it to your Facebook page, tell your local ABATE chapter and region, and if you haven't sent a letter yourself then GET ON IT! Our strength is in our numbers and at this rate; we are not in the best shape. **SEND, SHARE AND GET THE WORD OUT: TELL CONGRESS TO WE NEED HELP TO STOP THE PROFILING OF MOTORCYCLISTS!**

<http://mrf.org/federal-legislative-issues/>

**Senate Motorcycle Caucus Launch**  
 On June 21st, motorcycle manufacturers, advocates and supporters gathered in the Capitol to celebrate the launch of the newly chartered Senate Motorcycle Caucus. Led by Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA) and Senator Gary Peters (D-MI), the caucus will focus on issues that impact both riders and industry manufacturers. Your MRF was invited to attend the launch and was encouraged by the conversation in the room especially by Senator Gary Peters a co-chair of the Caucus, "It's really about awareness for cars - usually an automobile is not paying attention and runs into you, so we want to raise this issue for folks. We have every right to be on the road with automobiles." Peters went on to also say that the Caucus would be an outlet for him as he paves the way for legislation on self-driving vehicles. However,

he made one thing very distinct; "Let me be clear, we don't EVER WANT automated motorcycles!" Reps from Harley-Davidson agreed. Senator Joni Ernst, the Republican co-chair said her intentions behind starting the caucus were to help drive the conversation on infrastructure. President Trump has pushed for a major infrastructure package during his term and Sen. Ernst indicated that the Motorcycle Caucus could help to spur those discussions. The MRF will continue to stay engaged in Caucus committee activity and will report out relevant information.

The above are excerpts from "**RIDING FREE FROM DC: Your Weekly Biker Bulletin from Inside the Beltway**", a regular e-mail from the Motorcycle Rider's Foundation. I strongly recommend that all CMT/ABATE members, and all other motorcyclists in Tennessee, become members of the MRF. And each individual local Charter of CMT/ABATE, and other motorcycling groups, can show their support through a Sustaining Membership.

To learn more about the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, or the issues facing motorcyclists on a national level, feel free to discuss this with me, or check out the MRF web-site, at:

**[www.mrf.org](http://www.mrf.org)**

This is also a great resource for information, and an easy way to send your comments on current issues to your US Representative and Senators.

Another great way to learn more, or to get involved, is to attend this year's Meeting of the Minds September 21-24, in Williamsburg, VA. Details and registration are at: <http://mrf.org/events/> The registration deadline is right around the corner. I'll be there, and I hope to see a few of you there as well.

Until then . . .

Ride Free,  
 -- Ed  
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**CMT/ABATE, Inc.** is not a "Biker Club", but a non-profit, **political organization** that was formed to **preserve freedom** and **safety** for all Tennesseans who enjoy motorcycling. Our major goals are to **modify existing laws** that are detrimental to motorcycle safety and enjoyment, and to **enact new legislation** in support of all motorcyclists who ride in Tennessee. If you are concerned about preserving personal freedom and motorcycle safety, please join us.

# 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS CMT/ABATE OF TENNESSEE

## CHARTER EVENTS CALENDAR

### August 2017

#### AUGUST

12 CaFo Relay for Life  
19 CaFo Canoe Run  
25-27 STR  
26 CaFo Bike Show

#### SEPTEMBER

09 CaFo Poker Run  
10 **BOD**  
16 FrBr 2nd Annual Moonshine Poker Run  
23 NoEa Fall Ride

#### OCTOBER

15 Smoky Mountain Toy Run  
13-15 SwSr State Points rodeo Finals  
21 Nash Fall Pumpkin Fest & Swap meet  
28 DHH Toy Run

#### NOVEMBER

4 SwSr Toy Run and Chili Cook Off  
18 CaFo Turkey

#### DECEMBER

1 Smoky Mountain Christmas parade  
Gatlinburg  
2 CaFo Toy Drive  
10 **BOD**

| Sunday            | Monday       | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday    | Friday | Saturday               |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|-------------|--------|------------------------|
|                   |              | 1       | 2         | 3           | 4      | 5                      |
|                   |              |         | FrBr      | WOT         |        |                        |
| 6                 | SMT          | 7       | 8         | 9           | 10     | 11                     |
| MuCi/UpCu<br>SWSR | NoEa<br>MoCo | RoCo    |           |             |        | CaFo Relay<br>for life |
| 13                | 14           | 15      | 16        | 17          | 18     | 19                     |
|                   |              | Nash    |           | SuCo<br>DHH |        | CaFo Canoe<br>Run      |
| 20                | 21           | 22      | 23        | 24          | 25     | 26                     |
|                   |              |         |           |             | STR    | STR<br>CaFo Bike Show  |
| 27                | 28           | 29      | 30        | 31          |        |                        |
| STR<br>CaFo       |              |         |           |             |        |                        |

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## Commentary



Wow, had a great time at the Smith/Wilson/Stones River Rodeo. The games were a little short but there were lot of laughs to go with it. A lot of social gather around a fire with everyone

telling their stories. Cold beer and a tree line of fire flies. Camping over the weekend before we rode over on the bikes for the BOD meeting. The weather that weekend was perfect even for the ride back to Johnson City. I want to thank all of those involved

in the rodeo. A special thank you for the hospitality that was present. I couldn't help but feel like family. Thanks guys and gals. I can't wait to check out the other events around the State for the rest of this year. As our generation gets older, how can we entice the younger generation to get involved? Can we add other games to the rodeo that they would participate in or be more inviting to them? Our organization is a great one with a cause that benefits every motorcyclist in the State. Our passion runs deep in our veins for those who are committed to its mission. If anything, look at it this way, every effort that we put in can save just one life of a biker.

Then we have done something great for all those that ride. I look at it this way. I know what our organization mission is, but if I can save lives for what I'm doing then isn't that worth it right there. I guess what I'm asking is, how can we reach their passion in our organization? Hopefully one of us will find that key to unlock that door. I would like to hear from anyone on ideas or other games that they would like to see in the rodeo for next year. Maybe this is old school vs. new school, who knows. Anyway, until next month. Ride Safe Ride Free. Scott

## Bikers Rights Online! - Helmet Issues Helmet Issues Use Your Head!

*(Disclaimer: we do not provide legal advise)*

**FOR THE RECORD**, no one is saying helmets don't provide safety benefits. They do. But, there is also evidence that there are safety risks. Unlike seat belts, there is little data on the effects of a helmeted body in motion from a bike crash.

Officials often state that helmet laws reduce accidents. A helmet cannot stop an accident. But... a helmet law **does** reduce riding. Per the DMV, California has 40% less bikes registered today then in 1992 when the state enacted its helmet law! And of those that continue to ride... they ride less often. The math: less bikers riding less often = less targets for cars to hit, which therefore = less accidents.

Instead of confusing the public with gross accident statistics that have no relation to the ability of a helmet to provide enough safety to even think about a mandate, many Officials don't quote, or even know, whether helmets have had an effect on **the ratio** of the number of deaths from head injury as related to the number of accidents. That is the stat you want to know!

Recently, a number of states have modified helmet laws to permit motorcyclists to ride without a helmet if they carry specific health insurance coverage or pass a rider training course. Other "partial" helmet-use laws, such as those requiring only certain age groups to use helmets, have unknown effectiveness because of enforcement issues. These approaches dilute the original reasons for the law and may raise confusion about the usefulness and role of helmets.

So why all the disinformation? Follow the money trail. The life insurance industry can't control their car drivers from hitting us, but they can control the number of targets

their drivers can hit by backing helmet laws that reduce riding. This all dovetails nicely with the prejudice and propaganda against motorcycling.

We're seen as anti-social, public burdens, scofflaws, "scary", etc. instead of energy and road space efficient travelers that contribute millions of dollars to the economy and charities of every type. Take a recent Maryland "study", for example, that refers to beanie helmets as "Nazi style". WOW! Then there's the ever present public mindset; since football players, astronauts and racers wear them, we're crazy not to. If only it were that simple.

Call ANY helmet manufacturer and see if you can get a straight answer whether their helmets cause neck injury or protect your head at speeds over 15 MPH. Try it...

Officials don't tell you how many neck injuries are caused by helmets. When air bags were found to hurt and kill children, NHTSA aggressively studied the situation and determined that they are, in fact, safe "if" used correctly, but that they can kill if not. As a result, air bags are not mandatory and can be disconnected legally. This begs the question, since there are cases where riders have sustained neck injury from their helmet, why isn't this being studied so that we can once and for all, ALL know the pros and cons of helmets. Like air bags, helmets should be a matter of freedom of choice.

The next time someone is in your face about helmets, quote Snell to them: **"A helmet that can take one of our head forms through these 2 impacts unscathed could probably handle a single impact somewhat greater than 17.3 MPH, but certainly no more than 23 MPH."** - Snell

The best way to protect yourself is take an approved motorcycle safety course, maintain your bike, wear leathers, wear eyewear, ride responsibly and above all:

## Don't Drink, Drug and Ride...

**We asked a number of helmet companies the following:**

I would like to know which of your helmets will give me the most safety and impact protection at highway speeds. Do you have a list or chart by impact rating so I can buy the safest one?

### **Check out how they answered...**

**Anatomy of a Helmet Ticket** - I recently received a 2nd ticket from the same deputy for the same helmet in West Hollywood. The first ticket had been dismissed at arraignment. Here's my complaint letter.

**Hold The Cheese** - What's more dangerous: hamburgers or no helmets? LA Times (2/96).

**Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218** - (FMVSS 218) The federal standard for motorcycle helmets specified by California Law (CVC 27802) and other states. Full text with pictures...

### **Helmet & Necks** - Letter to NHTSA

### **NHTSA Helmet Test Results** - 1980 to 1994

**Roadside Tests Debunked** - is a roadside stop and analysis of your helmet by the police in compliance with the strict guidelines of FMVSS 218?

**The CODES Study** - Analysis and comments CODES Study Overstates Public Costs - Analysis by the MRF

**NHTSA's CODES Study** - The Fed's own research (page 29) proves that helmets do not reduce head injury!

**Airbags Not Mandatory** - as of January 1998 because of 87 deaths out of thousands of deployments (see **airbag crash statistics**).

Sure helmets protect your head, but they also cause spinal cord injuries, which has been documented as far back as **1969 by NY State DMV and Dr. Goldstein in 1986**.

Isn't it amazing that helmets are not treated the same way as airbags? In comparison to airbags and even bicycle helmets, there is

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## **CANEY FORK**

We started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vern led us in a prayer...

Robin gave the Treasure Report. There was nothing to report on

Legislation. We also discussed the Honor Ride on July 8th everyone needs to come and support the veterans wearing there U.S. colors.

July 15th is the annual Robin Run. July 22nd Humane Soc. we are leaving from Caney Fork Motors. Then also we have the Ride for Teen Pregnancy on July 30th. We will be leaving from the Abundance Harvest Church @ 10:30. Also we will have our meeting after the ride everyone needs to meet at the "Top of the Hill" (24 Hickman Creek).

So then we all voted on a Chaplin for our charter and it was unanimous Vern Hatfield will be our Chaplin...Thank u Vern we are blessed to have someone as wonderful as you for this job.

July is going to be a busy month so everyone needs to pitch in and make the best of it all... Ride Safe ....Karla Parker

## **DICKSON/HUMPHREY/HICKMAN**

### **FRENCH BROAD**

July 5th meeting

Called to order by Scott

Secretary, Treasure reported no changes.

No current events are planned for this month.

Considering a scenic ride in August.

Next charter meeting, August 2, 2017

7:00 pm at Sagebrush in Newport.

## **MONTGOMERY**

### **MUSIC CITY**

Hello everyone... A quick note, we've been busy lately, I know everyone has!! Our runs have been doing well. The liberty rally was a lot of fun. Our Christmas in July Toy Run went super well. A big Thank you to everyone involved!!!Skullys, Piggy Pit, Backroads, Memories and Friends. These people really stepped up!!! God Bless everyone!!! Without these awesome friends many families would go hungry, children would not get Christmas..

we have had the Teen Challenge Run, fun run Fat Daddys and much more to come!! So y'all need to come on out to the meetings! Keep your eyes on Facebook and your mailboxes, make sure we have the correct address though,

DON'T FORGET SOUTHERN THUNDER RALLY, AUGUST 25,26,27, at the Hickman County Fairgrounds Centerville , Tn.. Get tickets early!!!

If your renewals are coming up, Get them done..

See you all real soon... Meanwhile. Keep those bikes up, Roll on, Ride safe.. See ya soon!!! "CRASH"

## **NASHVILLE**

### **NORTHEAST**

### **ROBERTSON COUNTY**

### **SMITH /WILSON /STONES RIVER**

July 2017 Minutes

The SWSR charter meeting of July 2, 2017 was called to order at 2:10 PM by Jerry who also led the pledge. All officers were present. There were 25 members and 1 visitor in attendance.

Secretary Report: Given and approved

Treasury Report: Given and approved

Legislative Report: Danny spoke to charter and there was a group discussion about helmet law and other states without it. Also talked about cell phone usage and abuse.

Membership: Leslie said we have 2 new members (welcome Wanda Johnson and Harold Houston. We also had 3 renewals Dano, Linda and Ken. July birthday are James Sullivan. Happy Birthday brother! Activities: Current and future events were covered. Kim stated we have advance Southern Thunder tickets for \$20. They will be 30 at the gate. See her if you want a ticket!

Products: Resa said all current sales have been delivered and get with her if necessary. She is also taking orders for memory patches for Ted Rutan who recently passed away.

Safety: David said new laws are in effect as of July 1. (move over law for disable vehicles not just emergency and police. Group discussion followed. He said to also watch for road debris etc. It was also mentioned that our former Safety/Ed officer Ernest Adams has been sick and please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Sgt at Arms: James said just get along.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Motion to adjourn at 2:50 PM....later....Ruth

### **SMOKY MOUNTAIN**

July 2017

opening of meeting

Old minutes reviewed and approved

Treasury update was given and approved

Old Business: The parade

Any loose ends were discovered before the last ride of the rally and the needs for the parade.

New Business: Review of the AMA ride

Vote to close

## **UPPER CUMBERLAND**

July 2, 2017

Ron opened the meeting and Mike & Lillian led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary report was waived and Dean brought us up to date on the Treasurers report. The Liberty Rally was a success with funds going to each of the charters involved. Miss Liberty Rally was won by our very own member Miss Lillian. Thank you to Bud-weiser for the t shirts and koozies donated for the contestants.

A couple of questions came to be after the rally? Why wasn't there an entrance table to the rally so people would know where to pay their fees and get their armbands? And shouldn't there be a pre rally meeting with all charters involved so each group would know what they are responsible for? This would clear up any confusion and help to direct folks with questions to the right people. New Business: 10 tickets have been picked up for the UC charter members attending STR in Centerville in Aug 25- 27. Hope all members attend this event and support the Abate organization, Lynn attended the BOD meeting and announced that Dean gave notice to vacate his position and for the state office to be moved.

Old Business: T Shirts..we have old style for \$5 and new style Liberty Rally shirts for \$12. The July 22 Memorial Run was voted to be a poker run along with the memorial run. This will help to collect signatures on the Summer Fun Run sheet and pay tribute to our deceased members. Stops to include Terry's Place Bar, T & D Cycles, Pryors' Auto Spot, Moodyville Cash Store, Forbus General Store, Travisville Cemetary, Whistle Stop, Smyrna Cemetary & Boones Saloon.

.Meetings : Aug. - Northfield Winery, Sparta; Sept - Highway Hawgs, Jamestown; Oct. - The Docks, Baxter (276 off 40)

Ron thanked all of us for our vote of confidence in allowing him to continue to be the Director of the Upper Cumberland Charter. Thank you Dean for the Beef stew & Chicken & Dumpling lunch and the use of your facilities.

Meeting adjourned.

Safe riding o~o`

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## **SUMNER COUNTY**

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**Understanding Head & Neck Trauma** - By Tony Pan Angelino. Trauma is the result of violent and sudden inertia or 'g-forces' upon the body. When dealing with motorcycle accidents, it's important to understand these forces, which body parts are affected and how they react to certain inertia or 'g-forces'.

**UCLA Helmet Study Review** - Thunder Press 1994

**Motorcycle Accident & Fatality Rates** - Comparison between mandatory helmet law and voluntary helmet use States.

I would like to see the stats for the injuries from wearing a helmet in cases of crashes. A study on this would be interesting to see how many injuries are caused just from hearing a helmet.

I do not advise on any legal advice nor do I claim to be the author of this letter. It had been found on the internet and was intrigued by the article. It does not claim to be the opinion or the advice of Cmt/ Abate Inc. And is nothing more than shared information.  
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| Sandra Barker      | 10/17 |
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