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To: ABATE of North Idaho State Board

From: HooDoo Hippies Chapter Board

As a Chapter we want to address the recent email and subsequent posting on the ABATE website, from Tim Herzog regarding the Stoplight Bill.

Our collective statement is this:

We were willing to accept the legislative effort Tim Herzog has put forth on behalf of ABATE of North Idaho and motorcyclists in Idaho. However, without communicating with the ICMS in Boise regarding his proposed legislation, he presented a bill, that subsequently was not backed by the ICMS. Then he publishes criticism of this decision by the ICMS, on the ABATE website, by email and also by several phone calls, without directly contacting the ICMS representative, Chuc Colter to question the reason behind their not backing the bill that was proposed.

We feel that this move was politically irresponsible and caused divisive action and reaction by our Chapter, other Chapters and has also had State and Federal consequences.

We, the HooDoo Hippies believe we should support all SMRO's and MRO's, and we are not so arrogant as to believe we don't need all the available assistance from these organizations, to continue our efforts as members of ABATE.

We feel Tim Herzog and Willie Stephenson made a wrong decision. We now know that Tim has communicated with the ICMS in an effort to correct this error. However, we feel this situation should be acknowledged by the Board, as a lesson for any future legislative effort or action by Tim Herzog. No one in this organization stands alone or has the right to make harmful decisions that could hinder ABATE if North Idaho from being a viable organization for motorcycle rights.