



A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota

Minnesota Candidate Survey Results

For the 2022 November 8th Elections

Survey results received by September 10th, 2022

*Note: If your candidate is not listed, they did not respond to the questionnaire. Contact them to find out why.
For survey results received after the deadline, check the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website for updates.*

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Candidate Questions

1. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota believes adults should have the choice to wear or not wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle, which is the current Minnesota law. Do you support adult motorcyclists who are properly licensed and endorsed to choose their riding gear?
2. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota believes motorcycles are a viable part of the transportation mix. Increasingly, motorcyclists feel singled out by law enforcement because of their appearance, apparel, or because they are simply riding a motorcycle. Will you support legislation that would require additional training for law enforcement to limit the practice of profiling motorcyclists?
3. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota believes in fair taxation. Motorcyclists who transfer a title for a motorcycle which is ten years old or older and valued at less than \$3,000, or have a motorcycle that is 20 years old or older who ask for a "Classic" specialty plate, pay a much higher rate of sales tax than an automobile meeting those criteria. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota feels this is wrong and has introduced legislation to have motorcycles on an even scale with automobiles. Motorcycles cause almost zero damage to our roads and should not be taxed at a higher rate than cars and trucks. Will you support this type of legislation?
4. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota believes in keeping our current insurance laws. Each year there are proposed bills that would require all Minnesota motorcyclists to carry uninsured and under insured insurance. This is opposed by a broad coalition of Minnesota motorcyclists. There are many insurance options in addition to the liability requirements that may be of benefit to a motorcycle rider, but these policy additions should be the motorcyclist's option. Most riders already have uninsured and under insured insurance but the extra cost of this insurance could make motorcycle riding too expensive for some, especially younger riders. Additionally, the passage of any legislation may have unintended consequences. Riders who face large increases in motorcycle insurance may choose to not purchase insurance at all. Are you in favor of keeping the current insurance laws in place?
5. A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota opposes vehicle sales mandates. Some states, including Minnesota, are attempting to mandate a high percentage of new vehicles sold must be plug in electric or electric hybrid. Not knowing how these mandates would affect the sale of new motorcycles, this is a great concern to the motorcycling public. Motorcyclists oppose mandates that remove choice concerning make, model, style, fuel type, or other options of new vehicles considered for purchase. Are you in favor of stopping these mandates?

Federal candidate survey results can be found at ABATEMN.org

2022 Minnesota State Offices

GOVERNOR	PARTY	1	2	3	4
Scott Jensen	R	YES	YES	YES	YES

ATTORNEY GENERAL	PARTY	1	2	3	4
Jim Schultz	R	YES	YES	YES	YES

2022 Minnesota Senate

District	Candidate	Party	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Comments
3	Andrea Zupancich	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
4	Dan Bohmer	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Rider
4	Rob Kupec	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
5	Paul J. Utke	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
6	Steve Samuelson	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
7	Ben DeNucci	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	ABATE SUPPORTER
13	Jeff Howe	R	YES		YES	YES	YES	#2 MAYBE
15	Gary Dahms	R	YES			YES	YES	
17	Glenn Gruenhagen	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
19	Kate E. Falvey	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	
20	Steve Draskowski	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
21	Bill Weber	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
23	Gene Dornink	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
25	Bill Rood	G	YES	NO	YES			
25	Ken Navitsky	R	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	
26	Eric M. Leitzen	LMN	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	
27	Andrew Mathews	R	YES		YES	YES	YES	
29	Bruce Anderson	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
32	Kate Luthner	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	?	
32	Michael Kreun	R	YES	OPEN	YES	YES	YES	
34	John Hoffman	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
36	Heather Gustafson	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
41	Tom Dippel	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
43	Andrew Thomas Schuler	LMN	YES	YES	YES	YES		
43	Ann H. Rest	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
49	Steve Cwodzinski	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	
55	Pam Myhra	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	

2022 Minnesota House of Representatives

District	Candidate	Party	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	Comments
01A	John Burkel	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
01B	Debra (Deb) Kiel	R	YES	YES		YES		
03A	Rob Ecklund	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	
03B	Mary Murphy	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
05A	Krista Knudsen	R	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	#2 Need More Evidence
05B	Gregg Hendrickson	I	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Has MC Endorsement
07B	Matt Norri	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
11A	Jeff Dotseth	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
11A	Pete Radosevich	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
12A	Paul H. Anderson	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
14A	Bernie Perryman	R	YES		YES	YES	YES	Has Endorsment
15B	Paul Torkelson	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
15B	Tom Kuster	D	?	?	?	?	?	
16A	Dean Urdahl	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
17B	Bobbie V. Harder	R	YES		YES	YES	YES	Rider
19A	Brian Daniels	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Biker Family
19B	John Petersburg	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
20A	Pam Altendorf	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	A.B.A.T.E. Supporter
20B	Steven E. Jacob	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
21B	Marj Fogelman	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
22B	Brian H. Pfarr	R	YES		YES			
23A	Peggy Bennett	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	#2 Yes if Training is Reasonable
23B	Thomas A Stiehm	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
26A	Stephen James Doerr	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
26A	Gene Pelowski Jr.	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
26B	Gregory M. Davids	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
29A	Joe McDonald	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
30B	Paul Novotny	R	YES	OPEN	YES	YES	YES	
32B	Donald W Raleigh	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
33A	Patti Anderson	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
35B	Jerry Newton	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
38A	Michael "Mike" Nelson	D	?	?	?	?	?	
39B	Mike Sharp	R	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	
40A	Ben Schwanke	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Rider
40B	Allen Shen	R	YES		YES	YES	YES	
41B	Shane Hudella	R	YES		YES	YES	YES	
45B	Lorie Cousineau	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Rider
47A	Bob Lawrence	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Rider
47B	Kelly Fenton	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
48A	Jim Nash	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
48B	Greg Boe	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Rider
51A	Ryan Wiskerchen	R			YES	YES	YES	
52B	Cynthia Lonnquist	R			YES	YES	YES	
54B	Brendan Van Alstyne	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	
56A	Joe Landru	R	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Rides
57A	Greg Henningsen	D	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	
64B	Dave Pinto	D						Record Speaks For Itself