



Minnesota Candidate Survey Results

For the 2024 November 8th Elections

Survey results received by October 10th, 2024

*Note: If your candidate is not listed, they did not respond to the questionnaire by September 10th.
For survey results received after the deadline, check the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota website for updates.*

Thank you to the A.B.A.T.E. of Minnesota Legislative Team and Mack Backlund for collecting and compiling the survey data.

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?
6. The current equal access statute (Minnesota Statue 604.12, Subd. 3) limits attorney fees to \$500 and caps punitive damages at \$500 in civil actions for violations of access to public accommodations. Removing these caps would ensure that individuals who are wrongfully denied access can afford adequate legal representation and receive fair compensation. This would also allow more equitable access to justice and ensure that punitive damages serve as a meaningful deterrent against violation. Do you support removing these caps?

***See the Minnesota House of Representatives Survey Results
on the next page!***

2024 Minnesota House of Representatives

District	Candidate	Party	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
01A	James Sceville Comment: As a rider, I support groups who advocate for motorcycle safety.	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
01B	Steve Gander Comment: I support coomon sense, more freedom and less regulation (long letter support for motorcycling).	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
01B	Mike Christopherson Comment: If motorcycle specific, I might be inclined to answer yes.	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
03A	Rich Tru Comment: #5 - Does not support absolutist policies, would like a carve out for motorcycles. #6 - Supports raising the cap, not eliminating it.	FPI	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
07A	Aron Schnaser Comment: #4 - Provided it consistant with other motor vehicle laws. #5 - Need to move away from fossil fuels.	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
11A	Pete Radosevich Comment: #4 - Need more info. #5 - I generally oppose mandates, but we may need EVs.	DFL	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES
16A	Scott Van Binsbergen	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
17A	Dawn Gillman Comment: Avid motorcyclist and ABATE supporter. I worked hard on lane splitting and auxillary lights for you last year.	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
17B	Bobbie Harder Comment: I authored #3 last session (HF2365).	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
17B	Jennifer Nuesse Comment: I support safety practices that make sense for MN motorcyclists. Regarding EVs, I would support a lower percentage for motorcycles.	DFL	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
19B	Thomas Sexton Comment: I'm a veteran and own a 2008 H-D Ultra Glide.	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
21A	Creedance Petroff	Ind	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
21B	Marj Fogelman	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
23A	Peggy Bennett Comment: Don't know enough to answer 6.	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
24B	Tina Liebling Comment: I left some blank because I don't know enough about these issues to have an opinion.	DFL		YES	YES			NO
28B	Mary Jo Murphy Comment: I will support motorcycle advocacy groups. I suppoart your agenda.	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
30B	Paul Novotny Comment: #2 - This is an agency and office problem, not a training issue. Body cameras will help curb abuse of power.	Rep		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
33A	Patti Anderson Comment: #2 - I am opposed to mandates.	Rep	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
34A	Brian Raines	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
36A	Jannelle Calhoun Comment: #2 - Current law needs more clarity to prevent bias interpretation. #5 - Can we have cleaner burning fuel?	DFL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
41B	Tom Dippel	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
44B	TJ Hawthorne Comment: I believe I would go much furthur than these questions to ensure freedoms for motorcyclists(#s 3&5).	Lib	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
48A	Jim Nash Comment:(via email)	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
48b	Caleb Steffenhagen Comment:(via email)	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
54A	Aaron Paul Comment: I will look into having profiling included in on-line training.	Rep	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES