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Chairman Mark V. Rosenker  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The purpose of this letter is to address the National Transportation Safety Board's recommendations for motorcycle safety issued September 11th 2007. While your board did attempt to identify areas of improvement in data collection and state safety programs it has come to my attention that you did so after boiling down the findings from a two day meeting in September 2006 and actually investigating only six motorcycle accidents over the NTSB's entire 40 year history.

This is certainly a good start to begin to understand motorcycle safety and I applaud your interest in motorcycle safety. However compared to the intense investigation of over 134,000 other accidents spread over other forms of transportation it hardly seems enough to begin issuing recommendations for State legislation.

I respectfully ask that you simply reconsider the recommendations issued and work further with the motorcycling community at large to develop a set of recommendations that is achievable and enhances the existing education, awareness and safety initiatives of the States.

Sincerely,

  
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