

Post-Hearing Comments of Mr. Richard Martin
Motorcycle Road Guard Submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings

Your Honor Judge Lipman,

I have received a letter from Ray Afedt, who is our Minnesota Motorcycle DOT Safety Trainer. He and I have been working together, by Email as Ray is in Florida for two months, He asked me to make sure to bring up the importance to a program he calls Train the Trainer. It is his as well as my feeling that without the Trainer this training someone else to train their people and get them Certified, we will not be able to accomplish the job before the deadline for Certifications of our Road Guards. Without this program our Charities and our Veterans will be the suffering from the loss of our Rides. Ray has worked hard over the years training Motorcycle Safety and I believe he is the man that can make the Train The Trainer Program work. I am still working on the Insurance program, one of which is a Blanket Insurance to cover Rides all over the State. This is another of Ray's great ideas. Your Honor, I thank again for your time and pray you will consider this additional testimony.

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Your Honor Judge Lipman,

Judge Lipman, I hope I have the Bill Number right as I copied them quick when I gave you my statement letter after the hearing. I have been doing much research since the hearing and came up with some hopeful Compromise to the sign and safety equipment for our Motorcycle Safety. I found a place to get a 12 inch STOP / SLOW sign with a 12 inch paddle that would be easy for a Motorcycle to carry. Also there is a flashlight that is LED with a red cone on it. WE put the two together and we have a highly visible way to stop traffic. Of course we will still have our High Visibility Reflective Vests to go with these items. I feel this was a great find and hope the DOT can adopt these thing into the program. I was informed from some people who work Road Construction all over the US that twelve inch signs are used every day, as they are more easy to use in a windy situation. I am also working with the people in the Dept. of Veterans Affairs Building at the Capitol where it come to affordable insurance. The Minnesota DAV, Minnesota American Legion, Minnesota Veterans of Foreign Wars, Minnesota Amvets, on trying to come up with an affordable Insurance Program so our Charities won't suffer by so many groups folding up and stopping our rides. Our time frame from the Hearing to the dates put forth puts us in a short time to find this resolution, But I will keep working to get as much to you as possible. And forgive me if I didn't get the bill Number Right, I hope you can get by that and respond back with the proper Numbers you need. Thank you your Honor, and Pray for you and your Family to have a Happy New Year.

Thank you Judge Lipman

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