

House Transportation Committee  
Testimony  
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HB 2079

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I am John Faber and I am here today representing ABATE of Kansas, an organization that represents motorcycle riders in Kansas.

We appreciate the committees introduction of HB 2079 dealing with Right of Way violations in Kansas. This is a very serious violation on our streets and highways and especially to motorcycle riders, as you can see from the attachment I have provided.

ABATE has been proactive in bringing more awareness to Kansans in the past when they introduced yard signs in Kansas several years ago. "BE AWARE MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE". We feel that this has helped bring awareness to drivers all over Kansas and has helped tremendously but we think that a violation of this type should be more than the current \$75.00 and, in fact it should, at the very minimum be increased to \$115.00. We did introduce a bill last year that would have, in the case of multiple violations or death, given discretion to the courts to mandate community service or in some cases jail time and removal of drivers licenses.

Thank you again Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

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