

WE NEED YOUR HELP

To Defeat the Youth Motorcycle/ATV Ban

Congress, concerned for its youth, created the Consumer Safety Act of 2008 which limits the amount of lead in sellable toys. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has classified **motorcycles/ATVs** as toys. This classification is targeted at children 12 and under, and has effectively outlawed the sale of the smaller bikes and their replacement parts. This ban will severely affect the sport of motorcycling, possibly resulting in the ban of all motorcycles.

Electronic toys (video games and consoles) were exempt from this statute; can you imagine a world without Playstation or Xbox? So imagine a world without motocross, supercross, desert riding and racing? This is what the Consumer Product Safety Commission has taken away from America's children.

Dedicated business owners, riders and racers have rallied together to help fight this ban and reverse this unfair law. The plan is to call, visit, and write letters to our elected representatives to get as much support as possible to make this reversal happen. By flooding the offices with thousands of letters we can present the fact that this issue is serious and that it needs to be resolved immediately.

This law affects every motorcycle and ATV rider.
This law affects every motorcycle and ATV business.
This law will end the sport of Motorcycling.

The steps needed to reverse the problem:

1. Visit the website <<http://www.visi.com/juan/congress/>> to find your local representative's name, address and phone number. Just type in your address and zip code.
2. Visit one of your congressperson's local offices and explain your position. Personal letters and pictures of your kids riding and/or families riding together will have added value. Visiting the office during business hours makes a statement that this issue is important to you.
3. Send as many personal written or typed letters as possible to their office. The letters do not need to be long just original (not form letters), and **must have your signature, hometown and zip code**. The personal letters will let your representative know that you take this matter seriously and why the reversal of this law is important to you.
4. Get as many powersports related companies in your area to write letters to your congressperson explaining the economic damage to their business on company letterhead with a business card enclosed.
5. Call the congressperson's office once a week and request updates on the progress, what has been done so far and a projected date when this problem will be corrected.
6. Call the Consumer Product Safety Commission CPSC once a week to complain about the law and request an estimated date for correction. Contacts are **Nancy Nord (Office of Acting Chairman) 301-504-7901** and **Joseph Martyak (Office of Public Affairs) 301-504-7908**.
7. Forward this message to as many of your friends and family as possible and ask them to help you perform these important tasks.

We need your help to amend this law and grant an exemption for youth dirt bikes and ATVs. Accomplish as many steps as you can but most important let others know about this ban and encourage them to fight with us.

We are dedicated to fight this issue and would like to hear from you. Let us know what progress you have made or if you need help or have questions please feel free to contact us.

For information, questions and updates on our progress please send email to:

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Here is a sample letter that can be sent to your local elected representative. Let's take this matter seriously and with persistence and determination we can make a change to this unfair law.

SAMPLE LETTER FORMAT

Dear Congressman _____,

I need you to reverse the ban on youth motorcycles and ATVs. I feel youth motorcycles should be granted an exemption from the Consumer Product Safety Act of 2008 by the Consumer Product Safety Commission immediately. This ban will severely affect the sport of motorcycling and we need a solution.

Businesses write your letters on company letter head and enclose a business card.

Explain in your own words how this ban affects you and/or your family. How often you ride? What are the ages of your children. Do you ride, race or both? Where do you ride? How much money per year do you spend riding motorcycles? If your children cannot ride will you continue to ride and spend money on motorcycles and related products?

Explain in your own words how this ban affects your business. How this affects your profits, inventory and customer base. Explain the economic damage this law will cause and the potential for your business to stay open.

Must have Hometown and Zip Code

Must Sign your name

Mail your letter to your district representative:

Remember if you do not know the name, address, or telephone number of the

Representative of your area visit the website:

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