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## **PRESS RELEASE**

At noon, on Monday, May 16th, 2011, ABATE of NY, Inc. will roll out of Birch Hill, One Celebration Way, Schodack, NY, in a peaceful demonstration ride to the Capitol Building in Albany. As registered voters and hard-working, tax-paying citizens of New York State, ABATE of NY, Inc. invites all motorcyclists to join us as we demand our rights from our representatives, and protect our precious freedoms, and our lives, on the roads.

After ABATE of NY, Inc., convenes on the Capitol steps for our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Rally, we will meet with representatives to discuss current legislation concerning motorcyclists. We will insist that our new governor back the discontinuation of the New York State Police-sponsored, motorcycle-only roadblocks. and ask the governor to refuse federal grants that promote enforcement over awareness education programs.

It remains ABATE of New York's position that, since motorcycles operated in New York are already required to pass annual safety inspections, the current NYSP initiative continues to serve only to harass, intimidate and inconvenience motorcyclists traveling upon the state's roadways. Further, motorcycle-only roadblocks of this nature are a discriminatory and unconstitutional infringement upon an individual's right to travel without interference, and an abuse of discretionary power as acknowledged by the New York State Court of Appeals. ABATE of New York demands that NYS and the NYSP redirect their combined efforts toward overall driver education of the presence of motorcyclists on the state's roadways.

ABATE looks forward to building communication with our new governor and his staff, and to continue expanding our relationship with the Governor's Traffic and Safety Committee in order to promote safety on the roads for all in NYS. We will continue to provide input, as a SMRO, to the legislators who represent us, and the officials in charge of safety in New York, to work toward a more effective use of our designated motorcycle safety funds. ABATE will always promote that community awareness and proper rider training should be the sole investments of those funds.

We invite all citizens to join us in our peaceful ride and demonstration at the Capitol. All are welcome.

ABATE of New York was established in 1974, and incorporated in 1991 as a 501c4 not-for-profit corporation representing the rights of all New York State motorcyclists.

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