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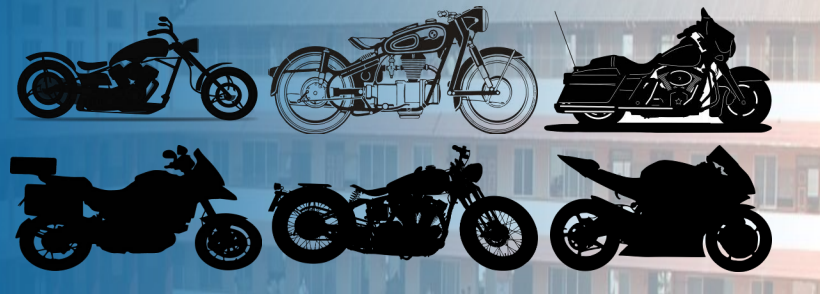
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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Kolman Fuzy



Greetings, ALL ABATE members:

This article is being written the Monday after I attended the Freedom Rally over in Region 8. I would like to commend Tim Cordray and all the Region 8 volunteers who put on a really great weekend. The weather was hot and steamy with a few spritzes of rain, with the really bad rain skirting the location. Once again, I must also give a huge shout out to Brian Jordan for bringing the product trailer and manning it for the duration. Another thank you to Sherry Hill for setting up the MRF pop-up and for all her hard work on behalf of the MRF and ABATE, at the Rally and other locations where she sets up. I know it can be frustrating at times, but her efforts are both important and are duly noted and appreciated. I had a good time working at the trailer with Brian (thanks to Kay and Charlotte for their help also), and an overall great weekend. Hopefully, there will be another Rally next year, which I am looking forward to attending.

We are almost half way through the summer, seemingly blitzing past us at a breakneck speed. Sometimes it feels like there is never enough time to take care of those really important things that we need to attend to, the day to day stuff, unexpected situations, etc. We always piss and moan about not having the time, but if you really analyze how much time we fritter and waste in an off-hand way (Pink Floyd), we have enough time to do what needs to be done, it's the motivation that is lacking. I guess where I'm heading with this is that it's time to get our Ohio legislation moving. Keep up the emails, phone calls, letters, whatever it takes to get Sub HB 357 and HB 776 passed. Let's keep pushing!

Keep supporting ABATE events as much as possible, please keep trying to recruit new members, and don't forget about the Foundation Bike Raffle and the Gun Raffle. I would like to thank every ABATE member for your support of the organization, whether you are a brand new member, or a life member, YOU are the lifeblood of ABATE. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

As usual, there are things I should be writing about, that I will forget to include in this article, hopefully I will remember to include them next month (50-50 odds).

Please ride as safely as possible, be aware of the knuckleheads and assholes, ride within your abilities, assume you are invisible and ride accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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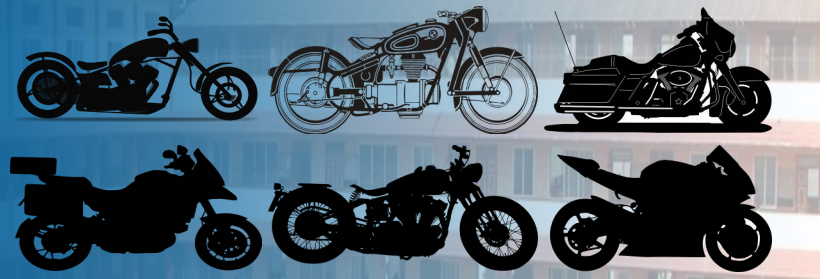
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ed Schetter



Here we are in as my Grandfather would say the corn growing days of summer. It's either hot and humid or raining buckets, except when it's hot and raining. Hard to believe Labor Day is right around the corner and then the end of summer (have you bought your raffle bike ticket yet.).

For ABATE of Ohio two critical things happen at the upcoming September State Board of Director's meeting:

Event Sanctioning. Get your events planned and on the schedule for next year. Plan early and get our events on people's calendars ahead of all the other events that are put on every weekend. Get to a region meeting and volunteer and help make our events the best they can be. And remember this many times gives us the public visibility we need.

Nominations for next year's officers. A time to thank those who have served as an officer at any level. Also, a time to welcome those stepping up and saying it's my turn to take the reins as an officer. If you think it's time to step up and be an officer, get to region or state meeting and get your name on the ballot. Or go to the meeting and goat rope a friend you feel would be a benefit to the organization into being on the ballot. (don't worry, getting goat roped happens to the best of us at one time or another)

Nationwide only 3 percent of Americans belong to a freedom fighting organization (explains the 3% and III% logos people wear). I recently ran into someone wearing a III% logo and asked him if new it's history. He gave me a story about a group who are tired of the government and rambled on for about 15 minutes and never did say where it came from. I let him know. This reminded me of how important a job we do here in ABATE. Only 1 out of 33 1/3 people (it's tough if you're the 1/3 person) are willing to stand up and defend the rights and freedoms of all motorcyclists. Many of the issues we fight or want to change may seem motorcycle related to most, but taking away any form of freedom might open the door to a bigger issue. Good thing most ABATE members I've run into are neither shy nor quiet.

The Meeting of the Minds is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this year. The flyer is somewhere in this great magazine. This is a great place to polish the skills needed to defend our rights and spend time with like-minded freedom fighters. And I'm looking forward to a fall ride around Lake Michigan. Until next time.

Enjoying the Ride,

Ed Schetter

Proud & Grateful Executive Director
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Editor's NOTE

First things first, thanks to Sherry (if you don't know her by now, shame on you like my Buscia used to say) for submitting this months cover photo. I would love for you to ALL have a chance to be on it also. We have approximately 1,000 members state wide and hopefully everyone reads this resurrected magazine and look how many bikers will get to see you and your bike at your best!

And that's about it, other than I'm going to get back on my bike before long. If I say it here, it must be so. If you haven't dusted and washed yours off yet (like me), I hope you do it soon. Maybe I'll just meet you on the road, somewhere.

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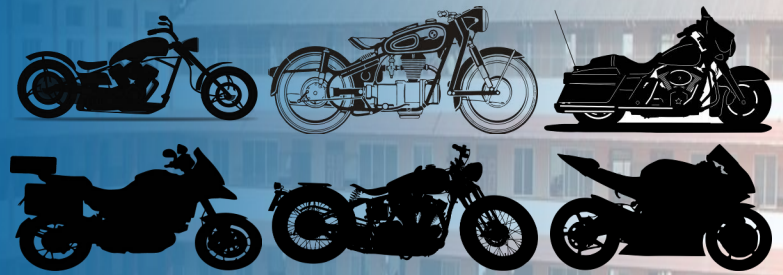
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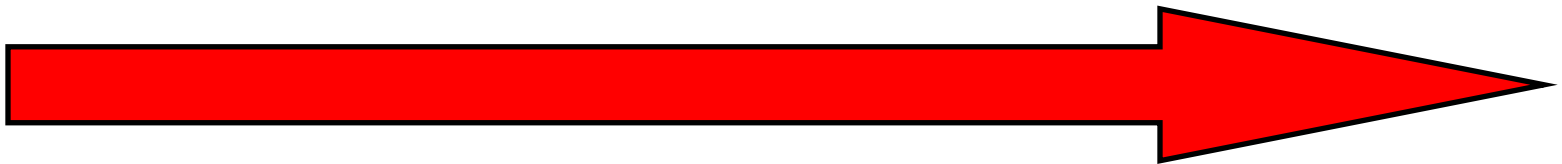
LEGISLATIVE NEWS



I hope everyone is out getting some wind therapy. As for our ROW Bill, there has been no movement as of yet. Our sponsor, Representative Brian Lorenz, has attempted to reach out to the chairman of the Judicial Committee Representative Jim Thomas, to request a hearing be held on H.B. 357 and Sub Bill 357. I have not heard how that conversation went but will be in contact with Brian this week and will hopefully find out something soon.

In the meantime, it still can only be helpful for everyone reading this article to contact Representative Jim Thomas and request a hearing be held on H.B. 357 and Sub Bill 357.

It also can not hurt to write every member of the Judicial Committee to remind them that you want to get Sub Bill 357 voted out of committee.



You will find a list of every committee member and ways to contact them in this edition of The OutSpokin'. Remember you can make a difference.



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Win For Consumer Right To Repair

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) applauds the recent settlement between John Deere and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), along with the attorneys general of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Arizona regarding consumers' right to repair their own equipment.

While the agreement focuses on agricultural equipment, the states involved represent the heart of America's motorcycling community. These same states are home to countless riders, motorcyclist rights organizations, and independent repair shops that understand the importance of giving owners access to the tools, software, parts, and information needed to maintain their bikes.

We hope this settlement serves as a precedent for other major manufacturers, including motorcycle manufacturers, to recognize that customers should have the right to repair the products they own. Ownership should include the ability to maintain, diagnose, and repair your vehicle. The MRF is pleased to see the snowballing right to repair results, which continue to consistently support consumer rights. The MRF will continue working with lawmakers, industry partners, and consumer advocates to ensure motorcyclists enjoy the same repair freedoms that Americans expect for every vehicle they own.



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The settlement generally requires John Deere to:

- Make diagnostic and repair tools more available to customers and independent repair providers.
- Provide access to repair information on fair terms.
- Avoid practices that unnecessarily limit independent repairs.

In the complaint, the FTC argued that Deere provides a service software tool to authorized dealers but does not provide the full version to equipment owners or independent shops. This does not directly change repair rights for motorcycles, but it is viewed by many as a significant precedent that could influence other industries, including powersports and automotive repair.

ABATE of Wisconsin would like to thank the Attorney General of Wisconsin, Josh Kaul, for his work on protecting consumers' rights.

See the full story here;

<https://apnews.com/article/john-deere-right-to-repair-agriculture-equipment-cb7514ffedb95c130a976af661f2bc02>

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Life is like riding a motorcycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving forward.

Sherry Hill

Safety & Education State Director



CHECK TWICE - SAVE A LIFE

MOTORCYCLES ARE EVERYWHERE!!!

Common causes of motor vehicle vs. motorcycle accidents include:

MAKING LEFT TURNS - Before turning **LEFT**, **CHECK TWICE** to ensure no motorcycle is coming. You're conditioned to look for cars and trucks, and it is easy to 'overlook' an oncoming motorcycle if you're not looking for one.

PULLING OUT - Before pulling out from a parked position, **CHECK TWICE** by turning your head and **LOOKING** for oncoming motorcycles. Motorcycles need more room and space to stop suddenly than a car or truck.

CHANGING LANES - Motorcycles can easily fit in the blind spots of your mirrors. Put your blinker on and **CHECK TWICE**, turn your head to **LOOK** to ensure there is no motorcycle in your blind spot!

SHARING A LANE - Don't share a traffic lane with a motorcycle. Even though a motorcycle is smaller than a car or truck, they are entitled to their entire lane.

DON'T FOLLOW TOO CLOSE behind a motorcycle - a motorcycle needs more room than a car or truck to stop. Keep a good distance behind a motorcycle, leaving enough room for you to stop.

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Hopefully by the time you read this our MAC will have had their first meeting on July 15th. I am hoping and praying that we continue to have these meetings and that everyone in Washington continues to hear us.

I had my booth set up in June at Tusky Days annual Festival and I truly appreciate all involved in allowing me to without charging me. I am self-funded and can be a challenge at times to pay for gas, food, and booth space.

Then I was set up at the Freedom Rally. Thank you to the 3 men who stopped and listened to me tell them about the MRF.

I will also be at the Motorcycle Memorial Rededication in Hopedale last weekend in July. They have done an amazing job keeping our brothers and sisters who are no longer with us alive chiseled in granite.

There are a lot of things going on right now and we need to keep pushing. Sad fact is we cannot just write one letter, or make just one phone call, or send one email. With these politicians, whether it is local or national you have to send a million letters, make a million phone calls, send a million emails to even start to get their attention.

What is important to us a lot of times is not important to them, so we need to make it important!

In closing, be safe & educated!!!

Sherry Hill, Ohio MRF Rep

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Kris Cook

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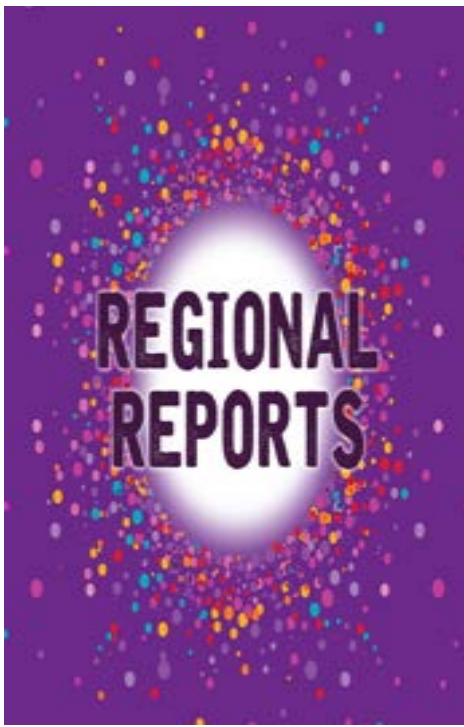
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Region Zero ... T A Brown Director

At this time, he doesn't have much to say other than "Woo Hoo, I'm on the trip of a lifetime" He's exploring Route 66 (and beyond) to the best of his ability. More on this when he gets back home. Looking forward to it T A!

Region 8... Sherry Hill - Director

Happy AUGUST from Region 8!

Summer is flying by and have hardly gotten to ride yet. The weather has gotten in the way it seems by either being way too stinking hot or raining. Hopefully you all are getting out and riding.

July brought us to our monthly meeting at Michael D's in Canton. Good turnout and lots of good information was spoken on.

The 30th Freedom Rally is now in the books as I write this. The weather was a bit iffy Friday, but Saturday was a nice day. We all may have lost a few pounds over the course of the rally due to extensive sweating. Wow was it muggy! Food vendors were great, Bands were great (thanks to Classic Drive for playing on Friday night at the last minute), Vendors were great! We had bike games and a bike show. Bike games are always a big hit. Vigil was Friday evening between bands and is always a touching moment.

I want to thank my Freedom Rally Committee and all the attendees.

Without all of you we could not have a Freedom Rally!

By the time you read this we will have had another Highway Cleanup, and we will have closed the books on another Motorcycle Memorial Re Dedication down in Hopedale. Tim runs the rodeo games there and we will have had our Products booth as well as the MRF booth.

Take care,

Sherry Hill, Region 8 Director

Region 16 ... Kevin Ketchum... Events

We did not have our meeting ...Cowboy and I were at the Freedom Rally...We postponed it till next month ...We did have a good time...Kevin



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Ask Our Lawyer

by Rod Taylor - ABATE Legal Services

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A: There are a number of things you should or should not do asap.

* Don't give a recorded statement to the adverse insurance company.

* Obtain the police report. The report names witnesses and will give the reporting officer's version of what he says the witnesses say.

* Get contact information of those witnesses.

* Take photos of the accident scene (skid marks, sight obstructions, "No Passing" signs or stripes, traffic signs, etc.). Note posted speed limits.

* Take photos of property damage – both parties.

* Take photos of personal injuries.

* Keep a journal (some use a calendar) of medical care: prescriptions, therapy, X-rays, doctor visits.

* Include physical symptoms in your journal.

* Keep track of missed work and social opportunities.

* If you are not at fault and received a traffic citation, fight it. Hire a lawyer if you must.

* If the other party or their insurer refuses to pay your damages, consider hiring a lawyer to prosecute your claim.

I hope this information is helpful. Call us at ABATE Legal Services if you have any questions.

LAID OFF WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH

Q. My employer is letting me go. I have been there several years and feel that I have done a great job. This has taken me by surprise, and I do not feel he has given me a fair chance. He has offered me severance pay for a few months and basically says take it or leave it. Can the company do this to me?

- ABATE member.

A. If you do not have an employment contract or union protection, you are basically screwed. Ohio, Indiana and Illinois are right to work states, meaning that if your employer comes in one day and does not like the color of your shoes, he can fire you. The law will protect you from the various types of discrimination that are prohibited i.e. race, sex, age, religion etc., and I understand that you have no complaints in those areas. According, your employer's offer to give you severance pay for a few months is a gift horse. Take the money and run. Do not forget to look into your rights regarding your health insurance.

IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA TO CONSULT WITH ABATE LEGAL BEFORE ACCEPTING A CHECK FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY

If you are injured in an accident or have had your bike or car trashed, you should consult with us before accepting a check from the insurance company. Our consultation is free. If the offer from the insurance company is fair we will tell you so and send you on your way. Even if it is a bit short the offer may still put more money in your pocket after fees, expenses and time for litigation. With any settlement, all you should care about is how much money goes into your pocket. In minor cases where the offer is close to fair, we advise our members to say the following to the insurance company, "I would like to get this matter concluded but you are low on the offer so how about increasing your offer before we go to Rod Taylor and have him help us with this case?"

That works a lot of the time when the insurance company is a little off the fair mark in its offer, and usually they will sweeten the offer to get the matter resolved quickly and thereby cut out the middleman. Remember, their job is to pay you as little as possible.

Some insurance companies will try and get a check to you immediately, usually for less money, hoping that you will accept a lower amount right away. They know you have bills to pay and money may be short. They try the old "bird in hand approach." They are trained to do that - not fair but that is the way it is. You should consult with us to evaluate whether the offer will be enough to cover your damages before accepting any checks.

Importantly you need to know the status of any liens held by your insurance company and medical providers for amounts paid/incurred because of your crash. And the V.A. and Medicaid Medicare issues are nightmarish. You definitely need us for those matters. Usually, your health and auto insurers have language in your policy that requires you to pay them back for the amounts they have paid to you or on your behalf. The last situation you want to be in, is one where you accept a check from the insurance company only to find it does not cover your losses, leaving you stuck to pay the remaining bills and liens that should have been paid by the insurance company. And you don't want all the above lienholders knocking on your door trying to take away some of your settlement dough.

Remember, once you accept a check and sign a release to settle your claims, there is no turning back. Short of being crazy, drunk, incapacitated, gun to your head or blackmailed when you sign the release and accept the check - you are stuck - almost no matter how unfair the settlement or how many liens you have to pay. So, call your lawyer or your ABATE Legal Services team and schedule a free consultation if you get the offer you think you can't refuse.

DIY - DO IT YOURSELF

Small Claims Courts and How They Can Work for You

You are riding down the highway from heaven that turns into the highway from hell. Despite due diligence you miss the guy driving a state vehicle pulling out in front of you. You escape without injury, but it is going to cost you \$1500 to get your bike "buffed" out as John Candy says. You do not have collision coverage and there are not enough damages to get a lawyer and sue. What do you do? SMALL CLAIMS COURT MAY BE THE ANSWER. Here is how you go about it.

1. Get on the internet and find the nearest small claims court in your area. Go visit the court and talk with the clerk as to how you file a complaint against the adverse. Usually forms you need can be found on the internet or the court will have them if you can't get them on the internet. Make sure the court can handle the amount of your losses. Get the clerk's name and direct number in case you need to call and ask more questions. Good luck on getting the clerk's number. But you get the idea – get to know the court's staff and ask for help. They can give you tips as to what the judge expects. Try going to the court late in the afternoon or on their slow days so the court staff will have time to talk and teach. Most will oblige.

2. After you file your complaint, the court will set your case for an initial hearing. This is to see if the other side will show up. If they don't show, the court will default the other side, which means you will get a judgment. There is no chance that the state will be a no-show, so you might try talking with the state about skipping the initial hearing and getting a firm trial date. That will also be a good opportunity to discuss settlement. Offer to show the state your photos of the scene and give them the name and numbers of your witness(es) who support your claim. Give them a copy of your repair bills/estimates. Tell them what you will take to settle your case but remember to calculate your loss of use and expenses related to getting your bike repaired – in other words give them a complete list of your damages. Check your state as to any special notice requirements required by the state before you can file your claim. These are on the internet.



3. Remember this procedure should work with most claims within jurisdiction of the court. Small Claims courts by definition are limited in the dollar size of the cases they handle. Check with your court as to that amount and the nature of your claim before deciding if this court will work for you.
4. If your case goes to trial, do not panic. Remember that you are telling the story of how you were damaged and why the defendant is responsible. Start your story at the beginning and go chronologically to end. Before you go to court, practice your story before your family and friends. Document everything. The rules of small claim courts are relaxed so that regular folks can present their claims. Do not be intimidated – this is your court and is de-

signed to work for you.

5. Let us know what and how you did. We would like to write about you and how you did in court. Of course, if you have questions during the process, call us.

Good luck asserting your rights.

Rod Taylor

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You might be a **BIKER** if...

1. YOUR BEST FRIENDS ARE NAMED AFTER ANIMALS.
2. YOUR BEST SHOES HAVE STEEL TOES.
3. YOU HAVE MOTORCYCLE PARTS IN YOUR DISHWASHER.
4. YOUR IDEA OF JEWELRY IS CHAINS AND BARBED WIRE.
5. YOU CAN TELL WHAT KIND OF BUGS THEY ARE BY THE TASTE.
6. YOU'RE ONLY SUNBURNED ON THE BACK OF YOUR HANDS AND NECK.
7. YOU KNOW WHERE STURGIS IS.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2025 Day after Bikers Inside Beltway, Senate acts on HJ Resolutions resulting in revocation of waivers to California Air Resources Board (CARB)

2024 MRF leads Congressional Motorcycle Caucus "Ride To Work" on the streets of Washington DC to promote Motorcycle Awareness.

2024 MRF representatives officially appointed to the Federal Motorcycle Advisory Council (MAC)

2023 Six MRF members selected to the "Community of Practice" groups, updating federal motorcycle safety guidelines.

2023 MRF meets with NTSB officials, discussing concerns over Autonomous Vehicles (AV) not recognizing motorcycles.

2022 U.S. House Passes H. Res 366 Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng Resolution

2022 Government funding bill includes language directing NHTSA to report back to Congress on activities and policies related to the profiling of bikers

2022 27 Members of Congress send letter to NHTSA seeking answers on recent crashes involving autonomous vehicles and motorcycles

2022 Inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame

2018 By unanimous consent, the U.S. Senate Passes S. Res 154 – Motorcyclist Anti-Profilng Resolution

2012 National Transportation Safety Board drops motorcyclists from "Top Ten" list

2012 Established the MRF Industry Council allowing aftermarket manufacturers to be more involved with the bikers' rights movement

2009 Held the first national motorcycle lobby day event in Washington, DC



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- ☐ Joint Auto-Renewal Membership \$60
- ☐ Sustaining Individual Auto-Renewal Membership \$100

- ☐ 3-Year Individual Membership \$95
- ☐ 3-Year Joint Membership \$140
- ☐ Sustaining Membership Club \$100
- ☐ Freedom Fighter Donation ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50

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