

Good morning Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

My name is Michael Joyce of Bristol, Ct. I'm here to voice my opposition to HB 6048 and any attempt to reinstate a mandatory helmet law for ADULT motorcyclists in CT.

Motorcycle accident results are not choreographed or predictable. As "beneficial" as helmets are believed to be, if requiring a helmet to be worn causes more issues or even death, shouldn't this be the motorcyclists choice?

I had a severe motorcycle accident in 1970. In my particular circumstance I believe a helmet would have reacted to my impact and caused a neck injury or been fatal. I only ask to be able to make the choice of wearing a helmet.

I think that preventing the accident would be a better solution. Continued training and education on sharing the road seem more successful.

I have no opposition to promoting or encouraging the wearing of helmets, just the mandating.

Thank You

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