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ABATE ENDORSES NORTHRUP FOR GOVERNOR

ABATE of New York, a statewide organization of more than 1,500 motorcyclists who seek repeal of mandatory motorcycle helmet laws, today announced their endorsement of John Northrup, Libertarian candidate for Governor.

According to an ABATE spokesman, Northrup was endorsed "not only because he is the only candidate for Governor to urge repeal of helmet laws, but because the Libertarians' opposition to all forms of government interference in the personal decisions of individuals best conforms to ABATE's attitude of 'live and let live'."

Northrup addressed a rally of more than 3,000 ABATE supporters at the State Capitol last May. At that time he told the crowd that "when someone starts telling us how we can live our lives, what we can wear on our heads, what we can smoke, what and when we can drink, with whom and how we can make love, how much we can earn, what jobs we can hold, and how much of what we earn we can keep - that's not for our own good! Somebody's ripping us off!"

The October newsletter of ABATE will urge its members to register, and to turn out in force to assure that in November their voices will be heard in support of individual freedom.

Northrup's position on helmet laws is the same as ABATE's, pointing out that "the decision to wear a helmet is an individual choice and not one which can be made by the politicians in Albany."

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In commenting on the endorsement, Northrup, a Syracuse CPA, who in his first run for office in 1980 was described by the Syracuse Post Standard as one of upstate New York's "brightest young men", said "politicians respond to two things - money and votes. Votes are more important because once they get your vote they can pass laws to get your money. With the help of ABATE and freedom loving individuals across the state, this year we're really going to scare the Democrats and Republicans who take your money away with one hand and your freedom with the other."