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Mr. James David Reichenbach, II
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Dear Mr. Reichenbach:

I wanted to thank you for your invitation to the ABATE of Florida February 2008 State Meeting. Due to a scheduling conflict, I will be unable to attend your special event. I truly appreciate the invitation to attend this very important meeting. Please know that I am sincerely sorry that I cannot attend the meeting to inform the members of ABATE the intentions of my bill and the changes I have planned.

I realize you have several concerns regarding my legislation. You have raised some valid points and thanks to your efforts, my bill will be amended. As I stated before, the speeding focus of the bill will be increased to anyone that is speeding 50 mph or greater over the posted speed limit. Additionally, the bill will also be amended to include staggered penalties for first, second and third time offenders. First time offenders will face a \$1,000 fine. On the second offense a rider will face \$2,500 fine and a one year license suspension. A third time offender will have their license suspended for 10 years and have to forfeit their motorcycle. I am also considering applying the speeding portion of the bill to all motor vehicles that speed 50 mph or above the posted speed limit.

Again I am very sorry that I will not be able to attend on Saturday. If there is any future meeting that you think I could attend please let me or my office know. As always my office remains open to you or any of the members of ABATE that would like to further discuss amendments to the bill. I believe that part of the process of creating a great law is being open to the ideas of others.

Sincerely,



Carlos Lopez-Cantera
State Representative, District 113