

What is BIKEPAC of RI and why do we need to fund it?

Over the years the RI Motorcycle Association has taken different steps in the direction of protecting your right to ride. One of them was the creation of the RIMA political action committee, better known as BIKEPAC of RI. To many members, this is a mysterious entity that they only hear about when asked for another donation of their hard earned money. We hope that this explanation can help clear up its purpose and function and why it operates on donations only.

The Laws pertaining to political campaign donations are a complex set of rules and regulations that many politicians don't completely understand. They can only accept a certain amount in corporate donations to their campaigns. While most of us don't like the money game and how it is played at the State House and in Washington, we accept the need to be a player as a necessary evil. To be a player we need to be able to donate to campaigns,

and that is where BIKEPAC comes in. By forming a political Action Committee, we are able to pool resources (donations from you, our members) and use them to donate to campaigns of candidates that are friendly to RI Motorcycle Association and the motorcyclists of Rhode Island. A political action committee can not accept money from corporations and because of that, it is allowed different limits on donating to political campaigns. This regulation, however, also prohibits the use of money from RIMA's general fund. Therefore, we must rely on the generous donations of the membership to help fund the committee.

By now most of you are aware of the local and federal threats facing us and our riding choices today. We can't win this battle alone. We appreciate any amount you can send, and although we do not publish the names of contributors, those donators are recognized at the meetings.

BIKEPAC of RI donation form

Yes! I want to donate to help fight for our Rights!

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