

SAVE ARIZONA MOTOCROSS
STATE REPRESENTATIVE OPEN LETTER

Good Morning Arizona Motocross Community,

My name is Dustin Hamby and I have been apart of the Arizona Motocross Community for over 30 years. I grew up racing here, and now have a son that is very passionate about our sport. Due to frivolous lawsuits, weak judges, and attorneys looking for big settlement fees, the motocross community is in Jeopardy of losing our ability to pursue our passions and dreams. It is going to take our community coming together and working with our State and Federal Representatives to institute change that will save our sport for not only the immediate term, but for the foreseeable future.

The first steps to make this change was begining the process of calling all of our Arizona State Representative's offices leaving messages and sending emails out. In this effort I was able to get 1 office on the phone and they provided great information that I wanted to pass along. It is MORE impactful for you to call your specific District Representative because they are more likely to give more time to their constituents. You can find your representative here....

<https://www.azleg.gov/memberroster/>

I was also told it is MORE impactful for you to send an email vs voicemail because an email can be easily forwarded to the correct committee or whoever needs to see it. With voicemails you have to rely on the person hearing the message to take the proper notes and pass that one and it turns into a game of telephone.

Below is the email I sent out, you're welcome to copy and paste.

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Subject: Request for Legislative Support to Protect Motocross Tracks in Arizona

Dear [Representative's Name],

My name is [INSERT NAME], and I am reaching out as an advocate for the motocross community in Arizona. I am writing to bring attention to an issue that threatens the sustainability of motocross tracks across our state – the risk of lawsuits stemming from injuries sustained during participation in the inherently risky sport.

Currently, Arizona law provides legal protections (under State Statute 12-553, <https://www.azleg.gov/ars/12/00553.htm>) to rodeo grounds, preventing individuals or insurance companies from suing if someone is injured while riding a horse. These protections acknowledge the inherent risks involved in equestrian activities and ensure that these facilities can continue to operate without the constant threat of litigation. However, no such protection exists for motocross tracks, leaving them vulnerable to lawsuits that can jeopardize their existence.

Motocross tracks play a vital role in our communities, fostering sportsmanship, discipline, and opportunities for young athletes to grow. Like equestrian activities, motocross involves inherent risks, and participants willingly accepts these risks. Extending similar legal protections to motocross tracks would ensure they can continue to serve their communities without fear of financial ruin due to litigation.

I urge you to consider championing legislation that provides these necessary protections to motocross tracks and other off-road activities in Arizona. Such measures would align with the existing law for rodeo grounds and support the growth and sustainability of motocross and off-road in our state.

I would be happy to discuss this matter further or provide additional information. Please feel free contact me [phone number] or via email at [email]. Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

[NAME]

This sport provides for more than just physical fitness and fun. Motocross is a way of life; it keeps kids out of trouble; it brings families together; it is a teaching tool to create driven, goal oriented, successful citizens. Lets all work together in the coming months to start instituting change. Let's work together to build a foundation that will keep our sport alive for our kids grand kids! Lets make 2025 the year that solidifies Motocross into the future!

If you have any questions, want help meeting with your representatives, or just want to bench race, send me an email or a direct message on Facebook or Instagram and I will be happy to speak with you.

All the best,

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