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**HON. LEANDRO R. MENDOZA**  
Secretary, DOTC  
Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila

**Subject: Luzon Motorcyclist Federation Inc. (LMFI) Position paper on DOTC Department Order No.2007-15.**

Dear Secretary Mendoza,

The Luzon Motorcyclists Federation Inc., the umbrella organization of motorcycle clubs all over Luzon composed of motorcycles with engine displacement of 400cc and above. Hereby present our position paper regarding DOTC Department Order No. 2007-15.

WHEREAS, DPWH Administrative Order No. 1 series of 1968 bans motorcycles, among others, from entering "Limited Access Highways".

WHEREAS, DOTC Department Order No. 2007-15 designated and declared expressways as "Limited Access Highways", subject to such rules and regulations that may be proposed by the DOTC through the Toll Regulatory Board.

WHEREAS, "Limited Access Highways" are the safest environment for motorcycle operations, considering that there are no intersections, no pedestrian crossings, no loading and unloading zones. It is a highway designed for through traffic with speed limits of 60kph to 100kph.

WHEREAS, for the past six (6) years, there were minimal motorcycle-related accidents compared to accidents involving four-wheel vehicles from the year 2001 when motorcycles with engine displacement of 400cc and above had been allowed use of Limited Access Highways by virtue of DPWH Department Order. Nos. 74, 215, and 123. Motorcycles have been accepted by the general public as co-users of these highways.

WHEREAS, DPWH Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 1968 is discriminatory and arbitrary by disallowing motorcycles the use of "Limited Access Highways".

WHEREAS, a sizable number of motorcyclists in Luzon use their motorcycles to pass thru and/or contract their business transactions in Metro Manila. The use of these highways by motorcyclists has further boosted and sustained economic growth in Luzon. Business commerce is now faster due to shorter travel time. It has also boosted tourism and community services in the Philippines. Most of the motorcycle clubs conduct regular civic, medical, educational missions in remote areas of Luzon and the Philippines.

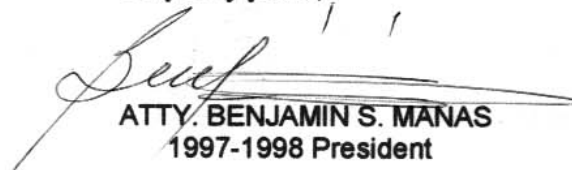
WHEREAS, the SLEX, NLEX, Coastal Road and STAR expressways/tollways use police motorcycles in patrolling their respective "Limited Access Highways" with engine displacement of 125cc and above.

NOW, THEREFORE, we respectfully request the Honorable Secretary to amend and issue a Department Order allowing motorcycles with engine displacement of 400cc and above to use the "Limited Access Highways".


We are more than willing to meet with you at your convenience should you want to discuss our position paper in details.

Thank you.


Very truly yours,



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1997-1998 President



GEN. FERNANDO C. PACE  
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