

For immediate release from the Atlantic Confederation of Clubs and Independents (ACC)

The Atlantic Confederation of Clubs would like to address the recent statements given by the Premier of Prince Edward Island and the RCMP regarding proposed legislation targeting Motorcycle groups in P.E.I. This includes fortification, body armour and a ban of club “colors” in bars and restaurants.

The Atlantic Confederation of Clubs strives to be a transparent organization and proposes the following:

We would like to invite the Premier, local members of parliament and the media to visit any clubhouse of the Premiers’ choosing to see for themselves what a motorcycle club house consists of, and that the fear mongering put forth by the Police is unjustified.

We encourage the Premier to speak with the members of these clubs as they are constituents on his Island and all likelihood voted him in office.

We would like to remind everyone that these people, who the police would vilify, are members of your community. They are born and raised on the Island. They have jobs and families here. They are your neighbors and friends.

The question we ask is what exactly has changed that would cause such an uproar considering motorcycles clubs on Prince Edward Island have been present for many years without incident?

The ACC believes that if the Premier would take a moment to talk to these people as individuals and not some faceless menace, as portrayed by the Police, he would see as we do, that they are nothing more than

motorcycle enthusiasts that seek the same rights and freedoms afforded to all Canadian citizens.

We “**Maritimers**” are known for being proud and friendly people who are quick to stand by our neighbors. It’s unfortunate that some would have you believe otherwise. Take a minute and come say hello to a biker and we believe that you will find that we are no different than you.

Don’t be misled by Police fear mongering or political agendas.

The ACC awaits the Premiers’ response in hopes that we can set a date for a clubhouse tour in the near future.

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