

Commenting User Guidelines

The American Bus Association (ABA) invites you to express your opinions and engage in discussions with one another by leaving comments on our Facebook page. While we encourage an open forum, please follow these guidelines to ensure an enjoyable and welcoming environment for all our followers. ABA does review all comments and we reserve the right to remove content once posted.

1. Respect one another. Debates are great, but attacks are not. Please refrain from posting offensive, obscene, threatening or abusive comments. If you personally attack other readers or writers, your comment(s) and responses to those comments may be removed from the discussion. Attacks create a hostile environment that discourages discussion. You are fully responsible for libelous or defamatory comments.

2. Hate-speech will not be tolerated. Comments containing racism, homophobia, sexism, or any other form of hate-speech have no place on our site.

3. Keep your language in check. Vulgar posts offend other readers. If a post is vulgar, a moderator will remove it.

Please note that comments may be removed by the moderator for any reason, including, but not limited to language.

4. Stay on topic. Comments should be related to the topic discussed in the associated article or blog post. In order to keep the conversation relevant, off-topic comments may be removed.

5. Don't impersonate someone else. You may not use a false e-mail address, impersonate any person or entity, or otherwise mislead as to the origin of your comments. If we believe you've impersonated someone else, we reserve the right to remove the comment.

6. Spam and commercial content will be removed. We do not welcome comments containing copy used for commercial purposes or for soliciting funds. If we see them, we reserve the right to remove them.

7. Readers may "report" concerns about other reader comments. If a reader reports a concern, moderators will review that concern as soon as possible. Please note this process may take a few days although we hope to review comments more quickly. We do not remove every comment that has been reported, and we cannot respond individually to every report.

8. Don't include personal information in your comments. We strongly discourage readers from posting personal information about themselves (ex. address, telephone number, workplace) and reserve the right to remove any comments we find with personal information about other people or that violates a third party's right to privacy.

9. Complaints about removed comments. We reserve the right to remove comments left to protest a removed comment. Please contact us if you have any concerns about deleted comments.

For further questions and comments regarding commenting on the American Bus Association's Facebook, please contact us.

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