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**Subject:** Fwd: Highway Use Senate Bill 192

Dear Mr. LaBar,

I am writing this letter in support of Senate Bill 192. As an avid ORV user and a business owner in a rural community I fully support the use of ATV,UTV's for use on the highways. With the advance in ATV and UTV technology these vehicles offer just as much technology advances if not more than Motorcycles and Bicycles on the public roadway. The use of these to go throughout town or access public riding areas utilizing Highways from town will have a huge impact on the economics of the communities. I have spent a lot of time in Mc Call Idaho and Utah where ATV's and UTV's are used extensively to access the community. This recreational opportunity is vital to the livelihood of small businesses in these rural towns and would also have a impact here in Oregon as well. With the recent travel management rules implemented by the US Forest Service we need to have other opportunities as well for ATV, UTV's.

This single bill could be the stimulus for economic opportunities for small rural communities to promote recreation opportunities and for business owners, farmers, and recreationalists to utilize the right piece of equipment for the job.

I sincerely hope that SB192 passes as the economic and social value of Small town Oregon depends on it's success.

Best regards,

Jim Valentine  
Small Business Owner and a life long Oregonian