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James LaBar, Committee Administrator

Re: SB192 for Off Road Vehicle use on Highways

Dear Mr. LaBar,

As an ORV user of many years I offer my whole hearted support for SB192.

Use of an ORV on rural highways is safe, economical, and does not create any more of a hazard than motorcycles or smart cars. Short trips on an ATV save gas over use of a pickup or SUV. They are easy to brake and turn in the event someone suddenly stops or turns in front of you. Now that cities and counties have approved their use on city streets and county roads, the next obvious step would be state highways. Use of the highways would usually be short distances, not the large numbers grouped together as you see with motorcycle clubs.

As a business owner in an economically depressed area I can't stress enough the need for opening up our rural highways to ORV use. Use of an ORV to access the many trails and hills directly from town rather than having to truck or trailer them to a riding area makes it very likely that events could be held that would economically impact our towns and county. ORVing is a family activity for people of all ages. Use by ranchers to access pastures without worry of a ticket would save them time and thus money.

Sincerely,
Byron Haberly

Sent via e-mail 2/21/15

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