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The Honorable Jim Rausch, Chairman
and Senate Transportation Committee
NH State House, Room 101
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SB 67, an act establishing a committee to examine the issue of statutory authority for all terrain vehicles, OHRV's, and low speed utility vehicles to access public highways for food, fuel and lodging.

Dear Chairman Rausch and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this testimony on behalf of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks & Recreation, Bureau of Trails in support of the Senate Bill 67.

This bill would create a committee to address several existing statutes that have caused confusion for several agencies and the public at large. The primary concern that surfaced this past fall was with the registration of low speed utility vehicles, which are referred to in agricultural statutes, but are being used and registered as OHRVs.

An ad-hoc committee of representatives from the Bureau of Trails, Department of Transportation, Fish & Game Department, Department of Safety, House of Representatives, Department of Agriculture and others met on several occasions last fall to try to address areas of overlap in the statutes and find solutions; however, the volume of references, areas of concern and overall scenarios to address proved time restrictive for this legislative session. The committee members are committed to continuing their work and we ask your support to allow this group to give input to the legislature for realistic solutions in the future.

Thank you for considering this testimony in support of SB 67. Feel free to contact me should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Bryce
Acting Commissioner

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