January 29, 2013

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,

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Acting Commissioner

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