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The Honorable Chris Christensen, Chairman
and the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
NH State House, Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

Re: SB 173, establishing a committee to study the feasibility of a club assistance program for off highway recreational vehicles.

Dear Chairman Christensen 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 173.

This bill would establish a committee to study and review whether off highway recreational vehicle (OHRV) registrants should be encouraged to join a NH OHRV club, or pay a higher registration fee. This particular registration structure exists today in NH for snowmobile clubs, but it is not known whether the format would work for OHRV clubs and if it did what impacts to clubs, state agencies, and riders would be created.

This topic has been discussed in the past and the NH OHV Association has sought to simply have the legislation passed to implement this; however, we have been hesitant to support this initiative without further study. We feel all of the partners are at the point where a more formal discussion should be held and this study committee would be an appropriate vehicle for the discussion.

Thank you for considering this testimony in support of SB 173. We are happy to be available to answer questions that you may have regarding our testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Gamache".

Chris Gamache
Chief

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