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"Representatives/Senators,

My name is Dave Hayes, and I represent the National Side by Side Association. Part of our mission is to support safe and sustainable Off-Highway Vehicle recreation and Bill SB 480 does just that. We support SB 480, just as we did last year as SB 711. Since the pandemic first started, motorized recreation has been the fastest growing segment of the outdoor recreational economy, and this Bill and the creation of an Oversight Board would help ensure Maryland can not only meet that demand for access, but do so with the end user in mind. We regularly field questions from Marylanders looking for access throughout the State. This funding can be utilized to provide them a legal way to enjoy the outdoors close to home, while providing direct access and input into the decision-making process. Allowing those putting money into the fund, also help target the way the funds are used to their benefit.

Thank you for your time"

Sincerely,

**Dave Hayes**

**Legislative Liaison**