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HB0972: Motor Vehicles - Off-Highway Vehicles - Clarifications and Revisions

My name is Ken Kyler and I am the Treasurer of the Maryland Off-Highway Vehicle Alliance (MDOHVA). The MDOHVA is an all volunteer Maryland non-profit that advocates for sustainable public and private ORV recreation areas; for responsible and safe OHV recreation; and to ensure quality opportunities are readily available to all who wish to participate responsibly.

We support the intent of HB0972 but have some concerns. We would also ask that section 25-102.1.(3)(I) be modified and changed from "That is Suspected of" to "of an individual apprehended or observed by a Law Enforcement Official".

We have heard from our members and other OHV enthusiasts of situations where neighbors who have an anti-motorized recreation bias will take advantage of the law as drafted. It would be far too easy for an upset neighbor to "suspect" someone lawfully using an OHV merely for harassment. This change would make it so that a vehicle may only be impounded when a Law Enforcement Official observes illegal activity.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today and we look forward to your support of this bill with the recommended change.

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