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February 27, 2024

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RE: Off-Road Vehicle Support SB0857

Dear Senator,

We, the Somerset County Board of Commissioners would like to show our support, on behalf of long time Off-Road Vehicle enthusiast in Somerset County, for SB0857. This Bill will do several beneficial things for the citizens of Somerset County. First is accountability, the creation of an oversight board with stakeholders and publishing annual expense reports, will help make sure end users can regularly provide input for the types of access they want to see, and be assured the funds are going to those areas. The second, comes from the increase in funding. Sustainable trail developments and maintenance can be expensive, and this will help ensure both can be done. Last but not least is the expanded use this will provide for Somerset County Residents. This would allow ORV to be the only user group self-funding their own access. Funds will go to general park maintenance, camping development, as well as rider awareness and safety classes. Ensuring riders are aware of the public places for recreation, and they know how to do so safely and sustainably.

Improved infrastructure throughout Somerset County remains a priority of this Board of Commissioners. We would like to show our support for these bills and appreciate the actions that the Maryland OHV Association has taken. This undertaking by the Association, would be a quality project on behalf of the Commonwealth and ensure this rural town has the capacity to continue growing.

Sincerely yours,

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RE: Off-Road Vehicle Support HB0866

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