

My name is Rajendra Rambharos, I am a long time Off-Road Vehicle enthusiast and I support SB0857/HB0866. I am also the president of the Capital Off Road Enthusiasts club. This club has membership across Maryland, Virginia, DC, and West Virginia, and has been a supporter of safe and responsible offroad activities in Maryland. Our membership is over 150 members, and we support this proposed legislation. This Bill does several beneficial things for the public. 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 there. The second comes from the increase in funding. Sustainable trail development and maintenance can be expensive, and this will help ensure both can be done. Last but not least is the expanded uses. 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.

Thank you,

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