

Senator William C. Smith, Jr.

Hello, my name is Brian Holsonbake and I am the President of the R&T Motorcycle Club located in Frederick Maryland. We have around 100 active members in our club and we also put on an annual charity ride that brings in over 400 riders, of all ages, each year.

I am a long time off-road vehicle enthusiast and I support SB0711. I support this bill because I feel it includes several important points.

The first is the establishment of an Oversight Board that would include stakeholders. The Oversight Board would help oversee the way the funds are utilized and provide a means for stakeholders to provide input on the types of trail access they want to see.

The second is a funding percentage increase from the ORV Title Tax fee. Sustainable trail development and maintenance can be expensive, and this increase will help ensure both can be done.

Next, the publishing of expenditure reports to help ensure the public knows how the funds are being utilized. This would provide transparency and accountability on the use of the funds.

Last but not least is the expanded uses. This would enable the ORV user group to be self funding their own access. Funds could go to general park maintenance, camping development, as well as rider awareness and safety classes. This would ensure riders are aware of the public places for recreation, and they know how to do so safely and sustainably.

Sincerely,

Brian Holsonbake

R&T Club President