

Hi,

My name is James Ratino, President of the Maryland Off-Highway Vehicle Alliance. Our members and constituents support SB0711. SB0711 streamlines accountability to the direct funders of the existing OHV Title Tax Fund. With accountability, the creation of an advisory board with stakeholders and publishing annual expense reports will help make sure those providing money for this funding regularly provide input for the types of access they want to see. The creation of an advisory board is inline with many other stakeholder interest groups throughout the State. As an increasingly recognized segment of the Outdoor Recreation economy, it is time the OHV community is afforded the advisory board so many other groups already have. This board will ensure a large range of end user input into the decision-making process to make sure the funders of the access get to see the types of access they desire.

As SB0711 has already unanimously passed the Senate with Department of Natural Resources support, please consider giving this Bill a favorable vote.

Thank you,

James Ratino