

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, while expanding the funding's uses. With accountability, the creation of an oversight 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 and be assured the funds are going there. The second increase in use of funding. Sustainable trail development and maintenance can be expensive, and this will help ensure both can be done. Finally 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.

These changes ensure that the sole funding base for the OHV Title Tax Fund is able to fund the type of access we would like to see.

Thank you,

James Ratino