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**Senate Bill 480 – Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Recreation Oversight Board -
Establishment**

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Dear Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton, and Members of the Committee,

Senate Bill 480 establishes a clear and practical framework for stakeholder input into Maryland's off-highway recreational vehicle (OHRV) programs by creating the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Recreation Oversight Board. By bringing together representatives of riders, dealers, and organized recreation groups, the bill ensures that those who actively use and support OHRV trails have a formal role in advising the Department of Natural Resources on trail operations, acquisition, and regulation. This structured advisory approach promotes transparency, accountability, and informed decision-making while preserving the Department's authority to manage public lands responsibly.

Importantly, SB 480 strengthens collaboration without creating new regulatory burdens or costs, as the Board serves in an advisory capacity and is supported by existing Department staff and resources. Regular quarterly meetings and geographically informed input will help ensure that Maryland's OHRV trail system is safe, sustainable, and responsive to local needs. By formalizing stakeholder engagement, this legislation supports outdoor recreation, responsible land stewardship, and economic activity tied to motorsports tourism across the State.

I thank you for your time and I urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Mike McKay'.

Senator Mike McKay
Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland
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