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"Hi, my name is Jeremiah Kuykendall, a long time Off-Road Vehicle enthusiast and I support SB0480. 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 increase in use of 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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**Senate Bill 480 – Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Recreation Oversight Board -
Establishment**

April 1, 2026

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
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