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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: HB3248

Co-Chairs Gorseck and McLain, Vice Chairs Boquist and Boshart Davis, Members of the Committee,

Good afternoon. For the record my name is John Omlin, and I am writing to express my support for HB 3248. As an avid ATV rider, I believe that allowing road legal ATVs would provide greater access to recreational areas and allow ATV riders to travel more safely and efficiently on public roads.

Currently, many ATV riders are forced to trailer their vehicles to off-road areas, which can be inconvenient and time-consuming. Allowing road legal ATVs would provide riders with more opportunities to explore and enjoy the great outdoors, while also reducing traffic congestion and wear and tear on our roads. The passage of this bill would also consolidate the mess of ATV laws across the state into one, coherent policy - eliminating the confusion many ATV operators are prone to experiencing. Furthermore, the use of road legal ATVs would provide economic benefits to local communities by attracting tourism and outdoor enthusiasts. This would create jobs and stimulate economic growth, particularly in rural areas where outdoor recreation is a major industry.

I understand that there are concerns about the safety of road legal ATVs, but I believe that with proper training and education, riders can operate their vehicles safely and responsibly on public roads. In fact, many states already have laws in place that require riders to take safety courses and wear appropriate protective gear. This bill allows ODOT to set the rules and define which safety modifications need to be made to make an ATV road legal.

Overall, I believe that allowing road legal ATVs would be a positive step forward for our community and our economy. Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,

John Omlin
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