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Dear Members of the committee. As somebody who partakes in many off-road adventures in the state of Oregon I would like to make my opinion made on this house bill 3248. Legalizing the usage of atv/utv on roads would benefit more than just those that partake in the activities. I live in a small town of around 440. We don't have a lot to offer here in town besides a small market and a post office and a fire station. However, all of us local residents use the market very regularly to go get the essentials when we don't want to drive 7 miles to the next closest store. Having the ability to safely use my UTV to run to the market and or the post office would be much appreciated. The city of Scotts Mills is a hub at the base of an off-road OHV area up Crooked Finger road. Many people roll through our off the beaten path town to make their way up the hill to go use the designated OHV area. The ability for us locals to not have to pull out our 20-30 ft trailers to drive 7-10 miles up the hill to use our local land would also be much appreciated. Now onto how this will benefit those who do not partake in these activities. As we all know, atv and utv's do not come from the factory with road legal required features. That would mean those of us that would like to make ours road legal, would have to buy these "kits" that have been put on these in other states where this type of travel is legal. Therefore creating revenue for local shops. We'd all have to buy the kits somewhere. As for other revenue, all of us already pay \$10.50 every 2 years to gain legal access to all of the OHV areas. That would obviously not change, but now, we would have to pay for road legal permitting if I'm not mistaking. Just like all other vehicles. The good majority of users wouldn't even bat an eye at a 2 year tag system through DMV as we do with all the on road vehicles we already have. Now let's talk beyond just my small community. We are regulars at the Oregon coast sand dunes. The small towns of Florence, Reedsport, Coos Bay, and North Bend all THRIVE from the travel into their small areas of the coast. We regularly spend hundreds of dollars in these small towns every time we travel into or through them on our way to the Oregon dunes. The city of Lakeview has had great luck making utvs legal inside their town. The amount of revenue boost would be huge. When you are out camping at the dunes, it's a 10-15 minute drive with a vehicle if you wanted to run into town. That obviously isn't the issue, it's the unhooking the truck from the trailers, or the people that got rides there not having their own personal vehicle to run into town to get gas, food or even parts. With the ability use these vehicles on the road would open up the usage from all into these small towns that need our revenue to survive. I could go on and on how I feel that the legalization of these vehicles for on highway use but I'm sure there are plenty of other testimonies for you members to read. I would like to touch on more thing. For those of us that are avid motorsports enthusiasts, we have put a lot of money and time into our vehicles. The safety of these utvs are what I believe to be safer than a lot of

regular on road cars. All our utvs have a full roll cages, many have 4-5 point safety harness', we mostly all wear helmets at all times, they are small and nimble being able to avoid errors much quicker than on road vehicles. Also, taking one more responsibility off the plates of our law enforcement officers would be a great deal of favor to them. Most of them would have no problem with legal usage of the road as other vehicles have. They could then use that time to help others and fight other crime. I want to say thank you for reading my testimony. As for me and many others. We are in favor of this bill and would all put the required lighting and safety item to conform to Oregon law to keep all those on the road safe and happy. Thank you.