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On Behalf Of:
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In Regards to HB 3248 for permits for Class I, Class II, Class IV on highways that are not Interstate highways

Hello, My name is Joann McMann,

I am writing to support this bill to allow us to use our vehicles on the roadways. Here in Central Oregon, there are many uses for our vehicles – even for outdoor family fun that is a dying breed out there. Create those memories for them younger generations that is not involving a screen in front of them.

Did you know two years ago I got pulled over on my shoulder of my house property for spraying weeds with my side by side for fire protection that the county does not do. I live literally on Juniper Canyon. Where people travel up there all the time and throw out cigarette butts and garbage onto my shoulder where it connects to my house. I am not a spring chicken, and I cannot pack a tank around to spray those weeds on the hillside manually. I was not on the road, and I was off on the shoulder and I was told I was not allowed to do so. This is Crazy!!

Here is another idea we ride up on the Ochocos with friends and we like to ride from out camp and support the little town of Mitchell and have dinner or even lunch in the little town, but we need access to not even a ¼ mile of roadway to do that legally. We do not harm going from Dollar hide to the turn off and we do it very safely but yet that is not allowed either.

Or how about those folks that have mailboxes not on property and it is just a little stroll to go and get them mail – nope that is not ok either.

I have been to several states the DMV benefits from this as they have to be registered it is State revenue. I have never seen misuse. My father in AZ gets to ride from his house to BLM land to ride vs loading a trailer up hooking up the truck and heading out, Jackson Hole WY – Very Rich town they allow it, MT where my brother-in-law lives Yeap they allow it. Yet I have never seen any misuse of these vehicles on the roadway. Why not take the Revenue and better our roads and potholes from it. It even would be nice if I could just hop in my buggy and run to mom's house that is only 2.8 miles away with out jumping in my car. Tractors can do it and people use these vehicles as farming too like I mentioned I hook up a sprayer to kill weeds for fire prevention every year. People use them to plow. What is the difference?

Thanks for listening to my side of why I feel it would benefit the state and the families off the offroad community. As there is nothing better than the outdoors we live in and the Memories it creates for families.

Sincerely

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