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I am writing to express my strong support for allowing Class 1, 3, and 4 off-road vehicles to be street legal in the state of Oregon. As an avid outdoor enthusiast and responsible vehicle owner, I believe that permitting these vehicles on public roads would make offer numerous benefits to our community and state.

****Promoting Safety and Regulation:**** By legalizing these off-road vehicles for street use(with appropriate modifications to the vehicles), we can ensure that they meet safety standards and regulations. This would include proper lighting, mirrors, horns, and other necessary equipment to ensure that they can operate safely alongside other vehicles on the road.

****Economic Benefits:**** Legalizing off-road vehicles for street use would provide economic benefits to local businesses, including dealerships, repair shops, and accessory stores. It would also boost tourism, as enthusiasts from other states would be more likely to visit Oregon, knowing that properly equipped off-road vehicles can be used on public roads (Moab Utah is a great comparative case study for this).

****Environmental Advantages:**** Allowing these vehicles to be street legal could reduce the need for trailers and tow vehicles, leading to decreased emissions and fuel consumption. Additionally, well-regulated use of off-road vehicles can help protect our natural resources by encouraging responsible and sustainable practices.

****Enhanced Mobility:**** Making off-road vehicles street legal would offer greater mobility and flexibility for recreational activities, work purposes, and emergency situations. It would provide residents with more options for transportation, especially in rural and remote areas where traditional vehicles may not be as effective.

I respectfully urge the Department of Transportation to consider the benefits outlined above and take the necessary steps to allow Class 1, 3, and 4 off-road vehicles to be street legal in Oregon. This change would positively impact our community and state, promoting safety, economic growth, environmental responsibility, and enhanced mobility.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
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