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I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to allow off-road vehicles (ORVs) to be driven on designated public roads. As an individual who uses off-road vehicles for both transportation and recreation, I believe this initiative would provide numerous benefits to local communities, improve mobility, and support economic growth.

Many rural and remote communities depend on off-road vehicles as a primary mode of transportation. By allowing ORVs to access public roads, residents would have increased access to essential services, employment, and recreational opportunities.

Off-road vehicles are crucial in responding to emergencies, especially in areas with difficult terrain. Allowing these vehicles to legally operate on public roads would ensure they are available for emergency responders, improving response times and potentially saving lives.

Off-road vehicles are a vital part of the local economy in many regions, especially where off-roading tourism is prominent. Expanding access to public roads would increase visitor numbers, boost local businesses, and create jobs related to outdoor activities. Off-road enthusiasts would benefit from greater access to roadways, allowing them to enjoy their vehicles more fully and promoting a healthier, more active lifestyle.

I understand the importance of ensuring safety and maintaining road integrity. With proper regulations such as vehicle modifications (e.g., roadworthy tires and lighting systems), safety courses for drivers, and designated off-road vehicle routes, I am confident that the integration of ORVs into public road systems can be done safely and responsibly.

I respectfully urge you to consider the positive impact that allowing off-road vehicles on public roads could have on individuals, communities, and local economies.

Thank you for your time and consideration.