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RE: Support of Oregon House Bill 3155

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Devon Belt-Keka, I am a small business owner that caters to the ATV and UTV Industry/Market by servicing and installing parts and repairs. My business has been in operation since 2015 and is family owned. I write in strong support of Oregon House Bill 3155. As a business owner in the ATV and UTV Industry, I recognize that this bill will benefit and strengthen the economy by providing income to businesses and the State of Oregon. This bill would also bring a lot of business to me and many others. I have personally installed a lot of road legal kits on my customers ATV 's and UTV's for the road use in Washington State, Utah State and Arizona state. Many of these customers are Oregon residents traveling to these specific states specifically for the experience of driving their ATV and UTV's on the road. If my customers are willing to drive to other states for this experience, imagine the impact on Oregon business owners if they could do the same here.

HB 3155 is expected to positively impact not only local powersports businesses but also restaurants, gas stations, parks, campgrounds, and many other businesses. For example, lets looks at Moab, UT. ATV's and UTV's are legally able to drive on the road. What does this allow us to do? We can get on the recreation trail from our campground without having to trailer our UTV to the riding areas. We can also leave the trail system to head into town to grab a bite to eat, fuel up etc. I myself, because I have a trailer hooked up to haul my UTV, I am heavily discouraged to stop at local businesses because of no parking, not able to access the areas with a loaded truck and trailer. I also tend to bring food from home, because I know that once I am parked and set up at my campsite, getting my vehicle disconnected from the trailer to run into town is very inconvenient and 9 out of 10 times it is not worth the hassle. If HB 3155 is passed, 9 times out of 10, I will be encouraged to run errands, go to local restaurants and local businesses etc because it would be very convenient for me.

The ATV and UTV community is so large and growing in the State of Oregon. I feel, it would be a great idea to allow people to legalize their ATV and UTV's to start setting an example to follow. In some states, people aren't allowed to use these machines legally, so they often break laws and act recklessly on the road because

bills permitting them haven't passed. However, if HB 3155 is passed, it is very important that there will be strict rules to abide by. I recommend that all owners and operators on the road of any ATV or UTV, should be a licensed driver in the State of Oregon and also make it a requirement for all of these operators to pass the online Oregon ATV Safety Program and have a valid Oregon ATV Use Permit when they register their road legal ATV or UTV. It is really important that the above is a requirement, so all of the operators will be educated and more responsible with their actions on and off Oregon trails and roadways and for the safety of all people.

I commend our legislators and respectfully request that this bill be thoroughly reviewed and considered for passage.

Sincerely,

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Owner