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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3155

Testimony in Support of HB3155

Dear Esteemed Legislators,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3155, which permits the operation of Class I, Class III, and Class IV all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on highways that are not part of the interstate system, provided they meet vehicle equipment standards and are properly registered.

This legislation is a common-sense approach to expanding access for ATV riders while maintaining necessary safety and regulatory standards. Many ATVs are already built to meet or exceed the safety and performance requirements necessary for highway travel. By allowing their use on non-interstate highways, the bill would provide numerous benefits, including:

1. **\*\*Increased Economic Activity\*\*** – Many small businesses, especially in rural areas, rely on ATV tourism and recreational riding. Expanding legal road access would encourage more riders to visit local businesses, fueling economic growth in these communities.
2. **\*\*Improved Accessibility and Transportation Options\*\*** – In many rural areas, ATVs are already a primary mode of transportation for work, recreation, and daily activities. This bill would create a legal framework that ensures ATV owners can use their vehicles responsibly without unnecessary restrictions.
3. **\*\*Safety Through Regulation\*\*** – By requiring that ATVs meet vehicle equipment standards and be registered, this bill ensures that only safe and roadworthy vehicles are allowed on highways. Many states have implemented similar laws successfully, demonstrating that regulated ATV use on highways can be both practical and safe.
4. **\*\*Consistency in Roadway Use\*\*** – Several jurisdictions already permit ATVs on certain roadways, leading to inconsistencies that can confuse riders and law enforcement alike. Standardizing the rules will provide clarity, ensuring all users understand where and how ATVs can be legally operated.

I urge the committee to pass this bill and support responsible ATV use on our highways. This legislation balances the needs of riders, businesses, and communities while maintaining safety as a priority. Thank you for your time and

consideration.

Sincerely,  
Robert Dye