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We are writing to express our support for HB 1427, the bill designed to curtail ATV activity on NH roads.

There are many reasons why HB 1427 should be signed into law. These are the most important ones:

It will reduce traffic hazards and improve safety on public roads.

It will reduce excessive noise, exhaust fumes, and dust on public roads in front of homes and in areas where people walk and are active.

It will get off-road vehicles off roads where they do not and never have belonged.

We do not mind people enjoying themselves however they want to enjoy themselves as long as they do not bother other people or damage property or the environment. ATVs running on public roads bother people, damage property in many cases, and damage the environment.

Although we do not live on a trail, we walk and bicycle on a now-shared ATV trail, and it is nearly impossible (and no longer as enjoyable) to do so with ATVs raising great clouds of dust, roaring past, and smelling up the vicinity. That is, long lines of ATVs on the weekends make it impossible to enjoy the walking and biking path, and at times we have to either cover our faces or turn and run in another direction to avoid the dust, if we hear them coming in time to avoid them. On this trail, the animals (fox, woodchucks, rabbits, and deer) who used to live there and have dens in the summer are gone.

We have friends who live in the town of Pittsburg who can no longer leave their windows open, sit outside, walk along the street, or work in their gardens during the summer months due to the noise, dust, and smell of ATVs. Many people do not dare to speak up or complain because they are bullied and harassed by their "friends," neighbors, politically powerful business associates, or co-workers. It's a sad situation.

So, at the very least, please control ATV activity by passing this legislation: HB 1427. Thank you.

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