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Subject: HB 1438 - ITL

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Dear Representatives,

Off Road Vehicles do not belong on roads. To open all non-divided public ways to OHRVs is a shameless attempt to by-pass the abutter notification required before opening roads to OHRVs that Governor Sununu signed last year. [HB 591 IX](#)

Current law provides more protections to ice fishermen than taxpaying homeowners. This must be remedied. A home is often a family's most significant investment. These vehicles are allowed to be as loud as 96 decibels - that is injurious to human health.

" RSA 215-A:5 **No person shall operate an OHRV** upon any lake or pond being used by ice fishermen **closer than 150 feet to any occupied so-called bob-house, fishing shanty or fishing hole**" Home owners have no such protections - OHRVs pass much closer to homes, yards, gardens, porches, swing sets.

A fishing license costs \$45 and OHRV registrations start at \$48. I don't have to tell you that our property taxes are in the thousands.

How exactly does road use by OHRVs fit in with DOT's Complete Streets program which seeks to promote safe, low impact cycling and walking access for our citizens?

As the very real impacts of climate change are showing up here in NH, we need to be promoting sustainable, healthy forms of transportation and recreation.

2 NH courts have recognized OHRV trails in residential settings as an actionable legal nuisance. Roads need to be closed to OHRVs, not opened.

Please vote ITL on HB 1438.

Sincerely,
Abby Evankow
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Health effect	Critical noise volume	
	noise indicator	dB(A)
Hearing loss	L_{Aeq} , 8 hrs	75
	L_{Aeq} , 24 hrs	70
Blood pressure fluctuation	L_{Aeq} , 8 hrs	85
	L_{Aeq} , 6 am – 10 pm	70
Ischaemic heart disease	L_{Aeq} , 6 am – 10 pm	70
Annoyance	L_{dn}	42
Insomnia	SEL ³	55
Fitful sleep	SEL	35
Subjective sleep quality deterioration	L_{Aeq} , night	40
Intellectual fitness	L_{Aeq} , day	70