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Subject: HB 1612

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Dear Representatives,

I urge you to vote against HB 1612.

- 1) The manufacturers themselves warn that their off-road vehicles are *not* safe for use on paved roads.
- 2) How do fishing shanties get more consideration than taxpaying home owners?:

RSA 215-A:5 Limitation on Use of Lake or Pond Used by Ice Fishermen. – 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,

- 3) HB 1612 is a serious under-mining of the laws that govern the siting of OHRV trails. RSA 215-A 41, 42, 43 - declares that it is “in the public interest to balance the demand for ATV and trail bikes trails on state lands.” and “no ATV or trail bike trail shall be established.....unless all of the following conditions are met.....” (an extensive list of ~ 50+ criteria.)
- 4) The 2001 ATV Study Committee concluded that “new or expanded trails should be for ATV use only. *Trails could then be designed and engineered exclusively for this use and conflict issues will not arise.*” and “*the emphasis should be on development of self-contained trails, not linear trails.*” Those findings have been ignored and as a result, NH now has more conflict because of OHRVs rather than less.
- 5) When residents from around the state are chased from their homes because of the dust, fumes and noise from OHRV traffic - roads need to be closed to OHRVs, not opened.
- 6) OHRVs belong in Jericho State Park - the park bought and designed specifically for OHRVs not on on public streets where they violate the 5th amendment rights of your taxpaying citizens. The privilege of riding an OHRV ends when it encroaches on the property rights of others. Roads need to be closed to OHRVs, not opened.

7) As we increasingly see the all too real consequences of climate change, state policy must be to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, not promote them.

Please vote against HB 1612.

sincerely,
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