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Attachments: WHO Noise study excerpts .docx; Full WHO-guidelines-community-noise.pdf

Hello Ladies and Gentlemen and thank you for a moment of your time.

I hope to testify in front of you on these important bills tomorrow. I have taken the day off from work because I feel, in no small way, my families future depends on this issue. For over 80 years my family has lived on a quiet dead end road in the Mink Hills of Warner but it is now a major thoroughfare due to OHRV traffic.

While the north country receives most of the attention, we have a growing and worrying situation right here in the center of the state. The Mink Hills, largely in Warner, is quickly becoming a contentious and aggravated hotspot. Much more accessible and more densely populated than up north, the Mink Hills is a very sensitive and at risk area that needs your attention and consideration.

While most of my graduating class has left the state, I returned in large part because of how special the Mink Hills are as a continuous, serene and unspoiled forest. I have dreams and plans of starting a family here, restoring the family farm, creating a home business and living out my days as my father and his father before him were able to do on Joppa Road. That is now all in question due to rapidly expanding OHRV traffic and the noise they create.

In advance of tomorrow I wanted to share with you some research on noise by the World Health Organization that I think should be considered. I will also share with you in a moment, via another message, a private youtube link to a video presentation that I hope you will take a look at.

Thank you and see you tomorrow
Bret Ingold

According to the World Health Organization:

Governments in every country have a responsibility to set up policies and legislation for controlling community noise. There is a direct relationship between the level of development in a country and the degree of noise pollution impacting its people. Without appropriate intervention the noise impact on communities will escalate. If governments implement only weak noise policies and regulations, they will not be able to prevent a continuous increase in noise pollution and associated adverse health effects. Failure to enforce strong regulations is ineffective in combating noise as well.