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ATV Minnesota - Your Voice to RIDE

Working with you to build a trail system for you in Minnesota!

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Chair Founj Hawj and Committee Members
Minnesota Senate Environment, Climate, & Legacy Committee
95 University Avenue W.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Hawj and Committee Members:

ATV Minnesota and our members strongly support Senate File's 593 and 594, bipartisan legislation providing essential funding from the state's ATV Dedicated Account for trail development, construction, and maintenance. These dedicated funds, sourced directly from ATV registration funds and a portion of the unrefunded state gas tax revenues, represent a responsible reinvestment into the infrastructure that ATV riders themselves support. Thank you, Senator's Hauschild, Farnsworth, Hoffman, and Kupec for your support and commitment to motorized recreation in Minnesota.

Our trails are meticulously developed with environmental stewardship as a top priority. This careful approach ensures that trail expansion and maintenance projects minimize environmental impacts, preserve natural resources, and sustainably accommodate recreational activities.

Additionally, these trails have proven to be an economic catalyst for northeastern Minnesota. The recent Northeastern Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Study conducted by the University of Minnesota Extension highlights the significant positive impact ATV trails have on local economies. According to this study, ATV riders contribute millions annually to local communities through tourism, hospitality, and retail sectors, supporting numerous jobs and enhancing the quality of life in rural areas.

Supporting these bills means investing in sustainable recreation, environmental preservation, and economic growth for our communities. We respectfully request your support for Senate File 593 and Senate File 594.

Thank you for your consideration and ongoing support for responsible outdoor recreation in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Ron Potter
President
ATV Minnesota