

November 20, 2018

Dear Rep. Johnson,

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh on House Bill 710.

Last year, I purchased a retired Humvee vehicle from out of state. When I took the Texas title to the Ohio BMV, I learned that Ohio does not consider these historic vehicles as "road legal."

There's a big difference between historic vehicles like Humvees and other more dangerous vehicles, such as home-engineered dune buggies that don't come close to being safe.

I was pleased to learn that you have sponsored House Bill 710, which adds "high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles" to the definition of "historical motor vehicle. This distinction will allow these treasured vehicles to be used in parades, club activities and driven on the road in order to receive maintenance.

House Bill 710 will allow owners like me, who collect cars, trucks and antique or historic vehicles, the opportunity to maintain these pieces of history, and operate them safely. The opportunity to drive them in a parade or showcase them at a club activity will allow others, especially young people, to learn about history and to honor our military heritage. Allowing these vehicles to be driven in order to receive maintenance will keep law-abiding vehicle owners legal when they need service.

Thank you for recognizing the historical nature of these vehicles, and the opportunity to preserve the legacy of these pieces of American history.

Thank you Rep. Johnson for sponsoring House Bill 710, on behalf of us who want to preserve and enjoy history.

Sincerely,  
Josh Lloyd