

HB 237 Support Letter

Chairman Ghanbari, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas, and Members of the House Homeland Security Committee, as a resident of the state of Ohio, I urge support for HB 237. HB 237 as it is written helps to bring uniformity to the traffic laws and equipment regulations for UTV's. Currently, different counties and townships across Ohio have differing traffic laws and safety regulations as it concerns UTV's. This lack of uniformity brings confusion to owners and operators of UTV's. The current state of laws and regulations pertaining to UTV's makes travelling using these vehicles confusing for consumers, and does not include an easy process for our local officials to legalize them for use on public roads. This bill changes that. It provides a clear sense of clarity when it comes to the use of these extremely popular vehicles and sets explicit and transparent ground rules not only for the consumer, but for county officials as well. I cannot emphasize enough my support for this legislation.

I have utilized my UTV for several years and for multiple different reasons. I feel that these vehicles are safe to be used on roads and should be allowed to be operated as such without any hinderance or worry of changing laws across county or township borders. HB 237 would allow for the possibility of increased use for personal or work-related matters, while keeping in place the exemption for the agriculture community.

I urge the committee to favorably pass HB 237 and bring it to the House floor for a vote.

Sincerely,

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