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From: Dever, Larry

To: Mark Ferran

Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2003 10:00 AM

Subject: RE: Illegals Trespass in AZ, like ATVs Trespass in NY

Sir,

I very much appreciate your perspective and comparisons regarding the trespass issue. You are absolutely correct and I can assure you my defense of privacy and property rights of the citizens of Cochise County is beyond reproach. Sadly, a recent portrayal by an uninformed, moronic and myopic individual suggests otherwise. He knows not of what he speaks. Good luck with your legal and lawful pursuit of assuring the freedoms we cherish retain their value.

Sheriff Larry A. Dever

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Funkmaster0089@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, June 01, 2003 9:22 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: ATV arent dangerous

The atv isn't dangerous, its the people riding them, if they'd ride responsibly then we wouldn't have these deaths, and another thing. Age shouldn't matter on a quad if you a 160lbs. 12 year old

ATV Hearing
Office of the Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
Washington, D.C. 20207

June 1, 2003

ATV usage

In response to the Consumer Protection Commission's hearings on ATV safety, I want to volunteer my observations of off-road riding by ATV and motorcycles. My background: I am fifty-seven years old and have been riding off-road since 1970. I have ridden/owned various size and displacements of motorcycles, 3-wheel and 4-wheel ATVs. I have raced motorcycles and ATVs on motocross tracks, ridden ATVs and motorcycles on trails and I have promoted motocross events since 1977 at four different tracks. I currently represent Indiana ATV riders to the American Motorcyclist Association.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Economics, and a Masters in Business. I currently work for a Fortune 500 business as a supervisor and through the years I have observed riders closely and believe I am competent in offering my input.

The majority of the motorcycle riders who ride off-road ride responsibly and safely.

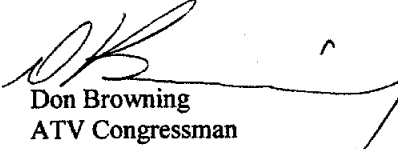
The problem lies with the current program that started with the OEM dealers that has a parent sign an affidavit that no rider under 16 will ride a quad with a displacement greater than 90cc. The parent then violates this agreement and allows the minor to ride. I have parents approach me and try to either job our track to ride or race and when I explain that the rider under 16 cannot ride a quad over 90cc, the parent proceeds to tell me that his "kid can ride the Raptor better than I can." There is no possible way to monitor and control this usage since a large percentage of the rider's ride on private land with the parent's okay. When the larger quad is purchased, the child is deprived on the course in ATV safety.

The other problem occurs when a quad is resold to another person and that person is not required to take an ATV safety course.

To consider banning quads for minors will not work due to the immense amount of quads that are already in the market place.

Not all minors can ride 90cc Quads do to size and weight of the minor. It should be left up to the parent or legal guardian to access the minor's size and weight and skill level.

The OEM dealers must take an active role in screening potential quad riders and council potential owners of the possibility of injury. The dealers should insure that the quad fits the rider's ability, size and age.


Don Browning
ATV Congressman
District 15

Cc: Doug Morris, ATVAA

Hammond, Rocky

From: Brenda S Lusher [brendalee_1982@juno.com]
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2003 4:33 PM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: atv ban

i think you should tell those people to get lives. its not the size that counts its how you use it. it doesnt matter how big a machine is. as long as you ride it stupid your gonna get hurt. think about it. take a 660r around the woods at like 65-70 mph cause you think you can ride it and wham you hit a tree. take the same bike and ride at around 45-50 and you at least have time to stop. i mean even 4x4 atvs will go 50 mph. they can't stop stupid people from getting hurt. take dirtbikes for exampl. a 125 cc dirtbike will run 65-70 mph. thats a little fast for such a small size bike. take a 125 cc atv and they will only go round 40-50. you just have to not be a stupid person. thxs for your time.

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2003 11:13 AM
To: 'jwisniew06@hotmail.com'
Subject: Children and ATV's

Hello,

Thank you for contacting the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). We have forwarded your comments to the appropriate agency personnel.

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From: Jason Wisniewski [mailto:jwisniew06@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 31, 2003 12:17 AM
To: Information Center
Subject:

Hi,

I recently heard about the CPSC's considerations on holding talks concerning further restrictions on All Terrain Vehicles. I'm very disappointed that you do not have anything better to do than take away our freedoms. Right now I believe the restrictions are some of the most unknowledgable laws ever made. By making it illegal for anyone under 16 to ride an ATV over 90cc's you are showing how uninformed you really are about the capabilities of an ATV. Do you guys know what the difference between a 2-stroke engine and a 4-stroke engine is? Do you take into consideration that a 15 year old that weighs 150+ pounds may be far to large for a 90cc machine? Under current standards a 12 year old can ride a snowmobile of any size that goes much faster than any ATV. According to our Constitution this is a free country. People should have the choice whether to wear safety gear or not wear safety and pay the consequences of their decisions. If parents believe their child is capable of riding an ATV larger than 90ccs than they take the responsibility of losing their child as a consequence. I do not think that it is ok for a 10-year old child to ride an atv of over 90ccs and regulators should inform themselves enough to know what size limits are reasonable.

Sincerely,
Jason

Wisniewski

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From: jason buttars [jason_buttars@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2003 12:29 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: ATV's

I don't want to give a oral presentation but I would like to be heard out. I am 14 years old and have ridden all sorts of four wheelers from Polaris Sportsman 700 to Yamaha Raptors, Z-400, 400 EX and many others but I have never been injured or in an accident. The band on ATV's would hurt the economy even more so than now. Every one that rides a four wheeler knows the danger and risk. It's not like a real atv rider think that an atv is nice little quad that's going to put around and never role. Me and my friends have practiced and basically lived are lives on four wheelers. I personally know the dangers 'cause one of my friends died on a four wheeler up at the St. Anthony Sand dunes. So it's not like we don't think the dangers are there, we know. But one thing that could use improving is the atv safety corse. But don't take away from the sport by only letting people over 16 ride four wheelers or making the limit at under 400cc's.

Thanks for listening.

Jason B. Buttars

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Information Center
Sent: Tuesday, June 03, 2003 4:56 PM
To: 'gdteed@velocity.net'
Subject: ATV hearing

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dawna Teed [mailto:gdteed@velocity.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 03, 2003 4:03 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: ATV hearing

My name is Dawna Teed, my husband and I own 97 acres in Conneaut Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania. I have a few comments and suggestions regarding ATV's.

In the last few years we have had many problems with trespassing by ATV's even though our land is posted. I have witnessed less than 10% with plates on the ATV. They figure they can go anywhere and no one will be able to catch them. A plate is a way to identify them. Just the other day while I was walking down the road an ATV came down the road with 2 people on, no plate, no one was wearing a helmet and when they came to an intersection with a stop sign they did not stop or look before making a turn down the road. This is a bad intersection that I know from driving you really need to look twice before starting off from the stop sign. Many times they go speeding down the road and do "donuts" making ruts in the road ruining it for others. They can be noisy and make it unsafe to be on the road. There are a huge amount of ATV riders using active railroads for trails which is stupid and illegal. Most of these people breaking the laws are adults who sometimes bring their young kids along.

My point is that there are many laws that are repeatedly broken by a large percentage of the ATV riders. It seems that as soon as they get on one they have no regard or respect for the rights of others, can't read simple signs and feel they automatically have the right to break the law. Not following the laws could be one of the biggest reasons for accidents and/or deaths. I have a list of possible things that may help keep the sport safer for riders and bystanders:

- better enforce the laws that are already in place and in many cases just enforce the laws.
- every person that buys an ATV take a written test to make sure they know the rules and safety of operating an ATV.
- every person take an ATV safety course before purchasing an ATV, no matter what the age.
- charge the price of the safety course, written test, and plate at time of sale for an ATV.
- have a system such as a notary service handle fees for plates and safety courses and issue plates from the DCNR. No new ATV would leave a sales lot not having a plate. It could be the same way for renewal of plates and plate transfers.
- more severe fines for operators breaking laws and possibly having to retake the safety course or

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written test.

-revoke a plate for anyone convicted of a DUI charge for the same amount of time as the law provides for a driver's license.

-advertise ATV laws and safety on t.v., newspaper and radio. Let the dealers and manufacturers help pay for it since they are making the money from the sales of so many. They too should be responsible to push for safety. ATV riders need to be aware of where they can ride legally before they buy.

-fine any dealer severely for misrepresenting any of the safety practices and laws for how and where an ATV can be operated.

-mandatory reporting of all ATV incidents to possibly identify trends leading to potential injuries and/or deaths

Every person needs to understand that safety is important in everything we do, we all pay taxes, there is some sort of cost for your source of entertainment, hobbies and privileges, and that we all have rights as long as we don't infringe on other peoples rights. If you can afford to buy an ATV you can afford the price to operate it safely. People also must realize that children learn from us.

Thank-you for giving me an opportunity to express some of my thoughts on this issue and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

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From: hogz@optonline.net
Sent: Tuesday, June 03, 2003 8:37 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: Proposed ATV Ban

To whom it may concern,

I can understand the grief related to riding off road fatality ATV and motorcycle riding can cause.

This is a recreational sport and requires proper judgment and skill. It also requires the use of proper riding protection.

The ATV or motorcycle is not dangerous. Poor judgment and irresponsible riding habits are the main reason why so many riders get hurt or killed.

There is a high risk factor involved with riding recreational vehicles. Take a close look at the law suits and see what the average age is for these fatalities and injuries.

You will see the majority of injuries and fatalities are youngsters who are not able to ride maturely and have a sense of their bodies being "indestructible".

I propose to you an unbiased offer that will resolve these issues of litigation.

Upon the purchase of a new ATV a written waver must be signed by the person/persons buying the ATV which satates the following.

Parent or Guardian of the intended rider or owner (rider) cannot sue and or prosecute the manufacturer and or land owner for any injury and or death related to the riding of an ATV or any other related incident which involves the usage of an ATV.

In this waiver it is a binding agreement and acknowledgment which states that injury and or death due to the riding of an ATV is the total responsibility of the person(s) riding the ATV.

Having these risk factors understood will prevent the aggravation of future litigation due to resentment of personal loss or injury.

Please keep in mind. Riding under the use of drugs and alcohol, improper tires, tire inflation, incorrect tire size, improper or inadequate riding protection, poor barakes, improper mechanical upkeep, ect ect increases the risk factor.

I am 41 years of age and have been riding off road since I was 8 years old. I always wear a crash helmet and eye protection, long pants, boots, gloves, and never had a problem.

I ride a Honda ATC 250 SX which has been banned since 1988. Yes many riders have been hurt or killed.

On final note I close with the following question.

Cigarettes and Alcohol kill more people on a daily basis than motorcycles or ATV's so why are they still legal to purchase when

this is not statistics but a documented fact ?

Please present the following to your final decision maker.
I am sure this offer will be beneficial to both prosecuting
and defending parties.

Sincerely,

Andy

1987 Honda ATC 250 SX
1998 Harley Davidson

" Riding a motorcycle is the last freedom we have left to live. "

Hammond, Rocky

From: Dan [dsouthar@stny.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 03, 2003 2:17
To: Hammond, Rocky
Cc: thorx10@hotmail.com
Subject: ATV HEARING

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in response to the actions being taken by Federal Consumer product safety commissions hearings
 On atv safety.I was not a big fan of the first ban on three wheel atv's in 1987,but I believe that needed to be done.Some
 people were not meant to ride three wheelers,I for one am not one of them.As of today I have owned a 1987
 Kawasaki
 Tecate 250,two stroke racing three wheeler for the last thirteen years.I love riding this machine and have enjoyed
 it for
 many years and many more to come.I have the same believes about four wheelers and off road motorcycles.I
 don't believe
 there should be a restriction on these vehicles altogether.I do believe there should be age restrictions and
 mandatory safety
 courses for the use of these machines.I myself have been in accidents and have been injured by riding these
 machines,
 although I assume that responsibility everytime I climb aboard and by all means hold noone responsible for my
 safety but
 myself.As a responsible rider I take into effect my personal riding experience and my own limitations everytime I
 ride and
 no matter where I ride.I have a friend that was seriously disfigured on a four wheeler and I know of a few
 acquaintences that
 have died,although this is a tragic situation 99% of these incidents were rider errors.One incident was riding at
 night with a
 blown headlight,another was under the influence of alcohol and others for such common sense issues as wearing
 a helmet.
 I urge the commission to implement safety courses and restrictions to inexperienced riders,but by all means not to
 implement
 a ban on atv's altogether.I don't want to see another mistake implemented on atv riders today as of the one made
 back in
 1986 against three wheel atv riders then.I don't believe that responsible riders should have to pay for mistakes
 made by
 inexperienced,unguided,unresponsible individuals.Take for example when I purchased my 1987 kawasaki tecate
 250 two
 stroke racer from a private individual back in 1990.I purchased this machine from a man in his late thirtys that
 raced this
 machine in a racing circuit.He showed me this machine and how well it ran and all the other details that go along
 with sale,
 and then he shut the machine down and told me if you can get it started and demonstrate to him that I can ride
 this machine
 then he would make the sale to me.If I wasn't experienced enough to start it let alone ride it,he wasn't going to sell
 it to me.
 As you can note previously in this letter,I obtained this machine and thirteen years later I still own it.Whoever
 wants this machine
 for whatever purposes will have to pry the handlebars from my cold,dead hands when my time is up whenever
 that may be.
 So as you can see banning these atv's is not the solution to the problems that we face.The solution to the
 problems that we face
 I believe is 1)safety courses 2)restrictions on inexperienced riders 3)implementation of an atv trail fund through
 atv registrations
 In each state so that there's a fun and safe place for individuals to go and ride.Take for example the NYSSA,New

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Snowmobile Association in which I am a member. They implement safety courses, classifications of different trails with appropriate

Signage, stop, yield, cautions, and trail directions. I believe this is a more positive direction the Federal Consumer Product Safety

Commission could take for itself and atv riders all over this country. I appreciate the time you have given me to voice my opinion

and hope it helps the commission and atv riders alike come to some kind of mutual agreement that benefits all partys involved.

Sincerely,
Kevin Southard (New York)

P.S I can be contacted at email address
thorx10@hotmail.com

June 4, 2003

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Consumer Product Safety Commission
To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to our attention that a hearing is being held tomorrow so this comes to late for those who will be there to hear our input but the cut off date for written testimony is July 5. I am truly sorry this will not be in the initial hearing as we are deeply concerned with another attempt to infringe on our rights once again.

Here are some thoughts about the ATV industry and recreational use. The ATV sport is a rapidly growing industry because it gives families a great way to spend time together doing something in common, enjoying one another as well as the sport itself.

Our family has been involved in off road sports since 1965 using dunebuggies, motorcycles, and now 4 wheelers. It has helped us to create many wonderful memories and a family closeness has now carried into the third generation. Our teen grandchildren would much rather ATV than become involved in less preferable forms of entertainment.

The large used ATV market allows young families with limited resources to be able to step into this wonderful recreation. In answer to safety concerns for young children riding ATVs, the responsibility should be left to the parents as to the age and ATV best suited to their own child. The younger a child starts to ride the safer and better they become.

Accidents are more frequent these past few years as our sport has grown rapidly and the areas we had access to have been constantly under attack by closures. Do the math and you will see that more users and less land = accidents, injuries and deaths. Still riding our ATVs should be our responsibility not a coalition or a commissions to decide. If you truly care about our safety, open up the closures as that alone will make a big difference.

ATV manufacturers have enough regulations and should also be left alone. Demand is the reason for the larger machines. Many new ones are now equipped with a centrifugal clutch which makes them easier and safer to ride. Small machines for young riders have restrictors that control the speed. Left alone the manufacturers are constantly looking for ways to make ATVs better and safer. Their business depends on it.

We, my husband and myself would like to invite anyone of you/ whoever is really interested our view to come spend some time with us on a ride in the sand dunes, the desert, or the forest. This is a sincere invitation. The last time we invited a BLM ranger to ride with us, he was very impressed and had a whole new perspective as to why ATVs are sold out to this recreation.

Please keep in mind while our American servicemen/women are fighting on foreign soils for other peoples freedoms , we in the USA are under attack and in jeopardy of losing more of our precious rights, one of personal choice as to what we chose to do and how as well as where. The argument that it is for our good or that someone actually cares about our safety is really a shallow way of saying Big Brother will take care of you. Many recreations are equally dangerous including bicycle riding, rollerblading, boating, snowmobiling, the list is endless. BUT the choice should be ours and not some coalition or commissions. Most of the safety issues remain the riders responsibility, even a child riding a bicycle. Thank you for your time to read this and again our invitation is sincere. You can reach us at: Al & Rogene De Jong

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Sincerely,
Al & Rogene
De Jong

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Hammond, Rocky

From: cdvice@copper.net
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 3:35
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: ATV Responsibility

Dear Mr.Hammond,

I'm an atv own that beleves poeple NOT the goverment should take person reponsibility for their actions. The actions your office is trying to take to ban or limit ATV useage insults me! Answer me these questions which has more injuries per year auto accidents or ATV's ? and What ever happened to personal responsibility? If parents or adults are too stupid to use common sense, then they should not be able to buy a lawn mower either! Let's face it a ATV MUST be given the respect of any motorized vehcile. When a person stops having respect for anything, that is when people get hurt. I'm all for stiffer fines for abusive riders and safety courses, but not to throw out the baby with the bathwater so to speak. Oh by the way when I was sixteen (in 1979) I was in an off-road motorcycle accident that almost claimed my left foot, but I did not place the blame on any one except the rider ME.

Curtiss S. Vice
email cdvice@copper.net

Hammond, Rocky

From: jay jackson [muddnlife@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 6:24 PM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: atv ban

Of course with the large amount of growth in atv sales there will inevitably be more accidents. If you look at the numbers of accidents they should be relative to the growth in atv sales. The cause of most accidents is probably one of two things, either alcohol related, or improper use. Both of which are controlled by the rider. These are the same reasons that automobiles have accidents. There is no ban being proposed on them. Riders 16 years old and younger should be allowed to ride with the proper training and supervision. Both of these problems can be cured by the parents, not through legislation. An atv ban would only be taking the responsibility away from the parents that don't do their job and punishing the ones that do. These problems can not be cured through legislation, but through education and training.

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Hammond, Rocky

From: alexander lindsay
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 6:25 PM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: attn: ATV hearing

As someone with an avid interest in ATV's i feel it is my duty to speak out for the rights of my fellow riders. I have had a beef with the cpsc for a while. when i went with my grandfather to purchase an ATV for myself, i was not allowed to test ride any ATV over 90cc, this is very difficult for me because i was at the time 15 years old and i was also five feet, eleven inches tall. How should i be expected to ride a machine where the suspension fully bottom's out when i sit on it. i ended out buying a kodiak 400 4x4, which fits me perfectly yet it was against your Ludicrous rules. If a full ban on ATV's is actually being considered (i find it hard to believe a country with guns laws as loose as the united states could even think of banning a useful tool which can also be used for pleasure), i think all of the people who might make the decision should go out for a ride on one and then maybe they will see how great it really it. I think it would be a terrible mistake for ATV's to be banned, because it would put a clamp on an already tight economy. Thank you for spending the time to read my e-mail, i do expect a response to this.

p.s. I have rode my ATV for seven months and have put countless miles on it and i have only had one possibly dangerous situation occur, which was the fault of the rider, not the machine. As well, the time i have spent on my ATV has not only kept me in good shape physically but has also given me a reason to wake up in the morning, something i didn't have when i sat dreaming about ATV's.

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Hammond, Rocky

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From: Robb Whelchel [robbkaty@ipa.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 6:30
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: ATV Regulations

I have recently seen that there are to be hearings on the size and use of ATV's. I have several and use them often, with respect to the environment and to others in and around the area I am riding. I love to hunt and the bigger cc displacement is necessary to get me to where I am going and to carry enough supplies for several days. As with most injuries that occur in association with ATV's, it is more that likely the rider that is not properly trained or is under the influence. I do agree that for the younger riders, that there should be a mandatory rider school that they have to participate in before delivery of their ATV. Some parents that have never been on one have no idea of how to ride and just turn their kids loose, that's not a good thing. Government regulations are never going to stop the reckless rider or those that abuse their respective machine, but regulating the masses of responsible riders isn't fair to anyone, riders or manufactures. The last ATV I purchased from a local Honda dealer, came with and was offered to me a riding class if I chose to use it. I think that is where the regulation could help prevent injuries. Teach our new riders the proper way to ride, and I think You would see a drop in injuries. There is no way that Government or regulations will ever stop the show offs and sloppy riders from injuring themselves, and in most cases the good riders will police them selves.

THANK YOU
Robb Whelchel

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Hammond, Rocky

From: Ronnie [rons67@charter.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 6:48
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: re: comments

Dear Mr.Hammond,

as a owner/rider of a ATV i feel that the ATV companys and retailers are getting way out of hand building ATV'S with as much H.P. as a lot of small cars/trucks...I own a 300cc Honda 4x4 and it has more power than anyone really needs...also,w/ speeds at 50+ M.P.H. is away to fast for anyone...in my opion they need to cut way back on the size of all the ATV'S...300cc engines is more than enough power for anyone who rides them...i seen a kid around 14 to 16 yrs.old on a 700cc ATV and he was going faster than i was in my car.i have noticed,and all the kids etc. want bigger and bigger ATV'S...i feel there needs to be something done about how many cc's a ATV can have,and stop all these kids.men and women either getting hurt or sad to say killed on them...25 MPH top speed is enough for anyone who rides them..if something isn't done about how big a ATV can be,and also the size of cc's it has we can look for many more kids,men and women hurt or killed on them...to me the limit of cc's shouldn't be more than 300 or even 250cc's for grown ups,and 175cc's for kids or less...also the speed on ATV'S could/should be cut back at the factorys,and if a person is caught messing with it to make it go faster the ATV should be taken from the owners for good...am sure your aware of it,but if not ATV'S can reach speeds of 80+ MPH....Please! ban all ATV'S over 300 cc's and have the speed cut back on all of them that are out there now.

Regards,Ronnie Meadows

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Hammond, Rocky

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From: GEG660@attbi.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 9:34 PM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: ATV

what gives them a right to ban something they no nothing about ? because they don't like them?,not a good enough reason.If its about safty then why don't they go after car makers and tell them to stop making cars that go over 65 ,?? I'll tell you why because there to powerfull so they pick on people who are just out to have fun.Of coures theres the excuse that one person ruins it for everybody,which is a poor excuse people break laws everyday on side streets and highways but we dont close them we put a police officer there, i pay plenty in taxes each year and i also register my ATV ,do like we do on the roads go after the bad one . I ride with my 4 year old on trails that have been there longer than any of the houses complaining, If you dont like the noise dont move near a highway, If you dont like ATV's dont move near a trail system, we were riding first so move if you dont like it and stop your complaining.It was ok when we took out the forest to build our houses which is permant but not ok to ride the trails that are already there.If you dont ride then you have no right to tell us whats wrong or whats safe, let the ones who ride tell you what's safe and whats wrong , did you tell your builder how to build your house NO, do you tell your auto tech. how to fix your car NO, so you dont know anything about ATV's. Why dont these people talking about safty go build a safer bath tub because people get hurt or even die everyday taking a bath or find a new hobby... signed ATV rider tired of people whining

person p.s. i have plenty more and would love to talk about this in

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Hammond, Rocky

From: ALLAN LYNCH
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 10:26 PM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: ATV

Please help keep the ATV riding available to all that are interested in the sport. I understand that there are a few that may not respect the sport, public places to ride and others but I believe this can be found in any sport.

I am 60 and my wife is 55, we go all over the country to ride and see sights t he average individual don't get to see. We meet many very nice and friendly people of all ages enjoying the sport like we do. The individuals that abuse the sport is by far fewer than those that respect it and the rights of others.

If they are going to try to control something that will help save lives then have them work on the speed of the vehicles and their abuse on the highways. We meet more bad apples there than anywhere.

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Hammond, Rocky

From: Brody Campbell
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2003 11:21 PM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: atvs

Please dont ban atvs or trails for some of us atvs are our only interest and is the thing that we love I try to tell people to wear helmets and to be safe I always wear a helmet all the time . So dont ban atvs because some people actually ride by the rules and by safety standards.

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Hammond, Rocky

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From: Luke Peterson [mudboggin_luke@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2003 12:17 AM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: Please Don't take our riding

"I LOVE TO RIDE"

What can I say I love to ride, and I do it in a fun but safe manner . I always wear my helmet (DOT

approved). Now "I know there's people out there that don't wear their helmet" but don't penalize the

public for there mistake. Don't let one bad apple ruin the hole tree. Sir before you make your discussion

just think about if you shutdown atving, you will be crushing a little kid's dreams of riding that atv with

his dad on the trail, also I know alot of families that all take time from there week and go ride. But if you

decide to inforce the laws you'll be safing lives and dreams.

Sincerely,

Luke Peterson

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Hammond, Rocky

From: Asphltscr8pr@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2003 12:45
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: WAIT A MINUTE

**Below I have answered every question.
 LET US RIDE!**

•Whether factors such as the rider's age, ATV engine size, and/or the large used ATV sales market (or any other factors) have influenced the increase in injuries and deaths observed by the commission staff during a recent ATV risk analysis study.

Yes the age does matter. Little kids just can't handle the large quads. But let 'em have their little 50's & 90's. No the engine size doesn't make a difference. For example, snowmobiles have outrageous engine sizes unheard of in the atv market. No the used ATV'S are not a factor. I bought my 2001 400EX and it's great.

•Whether there should be a performance standard for ATVs and what requirements related to safety should be included.

No there shouldn't be a performance standard on ATVs. As I stated earlier, performance doesn't matter, it's the rider that counts. Let the manufacturers build 'em fast. If they don't then we as consumers will just make 'em fast with aftermarket products.

•ATV use, safety issues, accidents and injuries, minimum riding and purchasing age requirements, and future government action from ATV owners and users.

Let us ride. Stop shutting down riding areas, and for God sakes, LEAVE US ALONE.

•Local and state ATV use restrictions, regulations and licensing activities and their impact on ATV safety.

Don't make us license our ATVs, let TEXAS (rock on) decide for us. They'd make more of a difference than if you big guns come in and just shut us down (or make it nearly impossible for us to ride)

•Current ATV use patterns (recreational, industrial, agricultural, or other uses), and injuries and safety issues related to those specific uses.

Recreational and race use.

•Current local, state and industry safety efforts and training programs.

I for sure haven't been to any of them.

And I NEVER WILL.

•The availability and use of safety training for ATV purchasers, and ATV consumer purchasing patterns (age of purchasers, model type and size, experienced vs. inexperienced riders, etc.).

The packets I received with my new ATV purchase(last year, Yamaha Warrior) were the first things I threw away. All of my teen friends are into sports and racing ATVs. 400cc & experienced.

Hammond, Rocky

From: Ron McDaniel
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2003 3:38 AM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: ATV Hearing

Rockelle,

I honestly believe that banning ATV's isn't the ticket. Myself, family and friends truly enjoy riding ATV's. We also enjoy boating, swimming, camping, hiking and being outdoors. We enjoy traveling as well. We enjoy many things that can put us in harms way. Banning ATV's due to safety is bullpucky. The majority of the accidents in my area are due to drinking and driving, inexperienced riders or showing off. People need to ride responsibly. I educate my children on safe operating procedures to insure their awareness to safety.

As far as a dramatic increase in ATV-related injuries and the continued increase in ATV-related deaths, there's a dramatic increase in ATV sales. Since the automobile, I would ask, has the horse related injuries and deaths declined?

Having my children with me on ATV rides takes them away from the other things like drugs and gangs that is also on the increase of injuries and death. My children love to ride ATV's. It's a great avenue for them to learn driving skills and a sense of accomplishment. Please don't take the smile from my children's faces, or mine, due to a ban of ATV's. Try to ban drugs and gangs first. Many wonderful experiences have been shared with my family and friends while riding ATV's.

Thank you,

Ron & Ruth McDaniel
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Morenci, Arizona 85540
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E-Mail: <mcdaniel@vtc.net>

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Hammond, Rocky

From: Oxner, Bobby
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2003 12:37 PM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: the call for BAN of atv's>>>.

A BAN ON ATV'S IS THE STUPIDEST THING I HAVE EVER HEARD.THE ECONOMY WE HAVE NOW,AND PEOPLE WANT TO ELIMINATE A VERY POPULAR, EXCITING FAMILY SPORT.ATV'S ARE NOT THE PROBLEM--REMEMBER.GUNS DONT KILL PEOPLE.....AND SO ON.WHEN SOMEONE PUTS A 4 ,5 ,OR 6 YEAR OLD ON A 350 ATV,WITH NO HELMET,NO TRAINING,AND THEY ARENT THERE TO SUPERVISE,WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN?? I AM ON THE LOCAL FIRE RESCUE TEAM AND NOT THAT LONG AGO WE HAD A CALL INVOLVING A 12 OR 13 YEAR OLD ON AN ATV..HE WAS OK ,BUT LUCKY TO BE.HIS PARENT LEFT HIM WITHY THE KEY TO AN ATV WITH NOBRAKES,ANDA BAD THROTTLE,AND THEY LET HIM RIDE PLACES HE SHOULDN'T HAVE...THE FIRST THING "MOM" SAYS WHEN SHE GETS THERE IS "THEY SHOULD BAN THESE THINGS,TOO MANY KIDS GET HURT"" SO I CASUALLY CALLED MOM TO THE BIKE ,AND POINTED OUT THE STICKER THAT SAYS--NOT FOR USE FOR ANYONE UNDER 16.THEN I SHOWED HER WHERE IT SAYS ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET..THEN I POINTED OUT THAT IF THE CHILD HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY HURT,SHE COULD BE PROSECUTED FOR CHILD ENDANGERMENT. MY POINT.....LETS POINT THE FINGER WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE POINTED.THESE MACHINES ARE NOT BABYSITTERS.CHILDREN NEED TO BE SUPERVISED WHEN RIDING.THE PARENT SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE WHEN THEY DONT FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES,AND LET THE PUBLIC HEAR THE TRUTH..IF THIS ISNT ENOUGH INFO,AND U WANT MORE,FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME,BY PHONE,EMAIL,OR LETTER.I HAVE PLENTY MORE.YOU SEE ,I HAVE 4 CHILDREN,WHO LOVE TO RIDE---SAFELY!!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!!!

BOBBY OXNER

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Hammond, Rocky

From: ravnone

Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2003 8:21 PM

To: Hammond, Rocky

I just wanted you to know that I'm opposed to a ban on ATV's.

Mike Toraason
23179 Hickerson Road
Grantsburg, WI 54840

Hammond, Rocky

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From: Scott Kovarovics [scott_kovarovics@twi.org]
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2003 11:06 AM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: Roger Hagie's Testimony and Medical Studies

Ms. Hammond -- Very good to meet you yesterday. Thank you again for your help. Would it be possible for you to send me a copy of Roger Hagie's written testimony? He is the Chairman of the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America. I did not see a copy on the table yesterday. If email is possible, great. If not, a copy can be sent to my attention at the following address: The Wilderness Society, 1615 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Medical Studies: Chairman Stratton asked Dr. Rebeccah Brown for copies of the various studies cited in her remarks. I mentioned to the Chairman at the end of my remarks that I have provided those studies to the Commission as part of formal comments concerning the pending petition. I submitted them in comments dated December 13, 2002 as enclosures C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J. The Office of the Secretary should have these attached to my comments. I hope this is helpful in terms of locating the studies and providing them to the Chairman and any appropriate staff.

Thank you again, Scott Kovarovics

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Hammond, Rocky

From: Myers, Gary L - Lakeland, FL
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2003 4:19 PM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: Ban of ATV's

Please send us any information that would affect this unfortunate idea to ban ATV's, why not ban boats, or cars

accidents happen with them also..... Thanks for your help

Gary Myers glm@mpinet.net

Hammond, Rocky

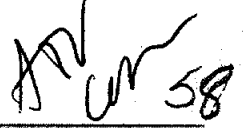
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From: Darren Larkin [wooly_boogers@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2003 8:03 PM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: ATV banning

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you because i have heard about the atv banning issue through a certain pro atv website and i think you shouldnt let it happen, The issues isnt the atvs, its the riders, dont blame manufacturers for things stupid people do. You should at least just make a training course manditory instead of banning the atv. This is much like the anti gun people wanting to ban guns. A guy goes out and shoots somebody or himself, its HIS fault, not the gun makers. please dont ban atvs, please. Thanks, Darren - 15 years old

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Hammond, Rocky

From: Groner, Jonathan
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2003 3:49 PM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: explanation of Injury Severity Score

Rocky:

Could you please forward this to the commissioners. It helps explain some of the terms that I used in my testimony yesterday. Please contact me if there are questions.

Jon Groner

What is Injury Severity Score?

Jonathan I. Groner MD
Trauma Director, Children's Hospital, Columbus Ohio

Injury Severity Score (ISS) is an objective method of comparing injury severity in different patients or patient groups. The information used to calculate ISS can come from written reports about the physical examination (lacerations, bruising), radiology reports (such as a CT scan showing a liver laceration) or even autopsy data (example: a patient is found to have spinal cord transection at autopsy)

The ISS is the sum of the squares of the three highest Abbreviated Injury Scores (AIS) (see below). The lowest possible ISS is 3 and the highest possible is 75. Any ISS score greater than 15 is consider severe. In other words, a patient with an ISS of 16 or above is more likely to need intensive care and more likely to die of his injuries.

What is AIS?

Every conceivable injury has a 7 digit numerical injury identifier (injury code). The last digit (after the decimal point) is the AIS code. AIS is a 1- 6 scale of injury for a specific organ in a body region.

- 1 minor
- 2 moderate
- 3 serious
- 4 severe
- 5 critical
- 6 maximum

There are 9 body regions.

- Head
- Face
- Neck
- Thorax
- Abdomen and Pelvic Contents
- Spine
- Upper Extremity

- Lower Extremity
- External, Burns, Other

When calculating ISS, the highest AIS from each region is considered, and the sum of the squares of the three highest regions is the ISS. Exception: if there is an AIS of 6 in any region, the ISS is automatically 75.

For example:

Case 1: patient with abrasion (AIS 1) and deep laceration to the face into subcutaneous tissue greater than 20 cm long (AIS 2). No other injuries

This patient has an ISS of 4, because the highest AIS for the region (face) is 2

Case 2:

ATV rider with

- Subarachnoid hemorrhage (region head, AIS=3)
- Mild, diffuse brain edema (region head, AIS=3)
- Laceration to face (face, 1)
- Laceration to ear (face,1)
- Abrasions to Chest (chest, 1)
- Extradural Hematoma (head, 4)
- Cervical Spine, C2 fracture (neck, 2)
- Right Mandible fracture (face 2)

ISS =16 (head) + 4 (neck) + 1 (face) = 21

Trauma Registry

The trauma registry is a database of patients admitted to the hospital or dying in the emergency department. Patients seen in the E.D. and sent home are not listed in the trauma registry. Data acquisition for the trauma registry occurs real time, meaning that the trauma registrars see patients in the hospital and update the registry daily. Each patient record has about 200 data elements. We have about 10,000 patients in our registry.

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Hammond, Rocky

From: TIRE31016@aol.com
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2003 11:28
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: ATV HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

ATV'S ARE JUST LIKE ANY OTHER PLAY TOY. IT IS NOT THE MACHINE THAT CAUSES ACCIDENTS. IT'S THE RIDERS. MORE EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE THRU MANUFACTURES AND INDEPENDENT SOURCES. IN TODAY'S WORLD OF INSTANT FUN AND INSTANT EVERYTHING PARENTS DON'T TAKE THE TIME WITH THEIR CHILDREN TO EXPLAIN HOW TO RIDE SAFELY, WHETHER IT'S A BICYCLE, SKATE BOARD ATV, OR JUST WALKING AND RUNNING. THEY WON'T TAKE TIME TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SAFETY CLASSES. THERE ARE THINGS THAT SHOULD BE TAUGHT BY PARENTS, LIKE RESPONSIBILITY, COMMON SENSE, MORALS, CAUTION, HONESTY, RESPECT (FOR PEOPLE, LAND, AND ATV'S, ETC.) THAT ARE NOT BEING TAUGHT AT HOME. WE DON'T NEED MORE LAWS. WE NEED MORE PARENTS TO STEP FORWARD AND TAKE TIME WITH THEIR CHILDREN. WE NEED PARENTS TO RECOGNIZE THE SAME THINGS THEY NEED TO TEACH THEIR CHILDREN. WE NEED PARENTS TO BECOME RESPONSIBLE. WE NEED ALL PEOPLE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN ACTIONS. IF WE NEED MORE LAWS, WE NEED TO MAKE A LAW THAT WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR OWN ACTIONS.

I AM AN ACTIVE ATV RIDER WITH A FAMILY OF FOUR THAT RIDES. MY CHILDREN KNOW THE SAFETY FACTS. ACCIDENTS HAPPEN. WE CAN'T BAN SOMETHING JUST BECAUSE AN ACCIDENT MIGHT HAPPEN. THE NUMBER ONE KILLED IN THE US IS AUTO ACCIDENTS. ARE WE GOING TO BAN THOSE ALSO? SAFETY IS ONLY A GUARD TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS. THERE IS NO GUARANTEE, EXCEPT ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN. WE ARE NOT PERFECT.

BENNETT NORRIS
CULLODEN, GA. 31016

Hammond, Rocky

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From: luke johnson
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 9:54 PM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: atv

An ATV is vital to the operation of my business. I cannot operate without the use of one. I personally have owned one for 15 years. I will not stand idle and watch these machines become outlawed as their 3 wheeled predecessors did. Granted, the 3 wheelers were dangerous, a 4 wheeled ATV is no more dangerous than the person behind the handlebars.

Luke Johnson

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Hammond, Rocky

From: ernest martinson [emartinson1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 3:01 PM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: ATV should be banned on public lands for recreational

I believe the use of ATV's for merely frivolous recreational means of avoiding walking should be banned on public lands. The vehicles are not necessary to access the natural lands unless you are physically handicapped in which case a disability exception might be in order. The vehicles are not only too powerful to be used safely on the land but are a source of resource depletion and pollution, the cost of which is not being reflected in the cost of the fossil fuel.

Ernest Martinson
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Hayward, Wisconsin 54843

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Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: April R [atvmadness@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 12:28 PM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: ATV Hearing

Dear ladies and gentleman,

I can give you many reasons as to why banning ATV's is the last thing to waste your time on.

My family has just recently started to ride our atv's regularly and wish we had started this years ago. I ride with my moma, daddy, brother and whomever else wants to join us. You see we all do this together and always invite friends to go with us. We have a wonderful time together and make great memories that will last a lifetime.

We normally drive up to two hours to ride our atv's because that is the closest available land to ride on. We always pay for our permits to ride and wear our helmets and protective gear as well. We do not drink or do drugs while riding (actually we never do drugs period) and always exercise extreme caution when the trail conditions require it. There are seven atv's in our usual riding group with male and female riders. We are all over the age of twenty two and are very responsible riders. We laugh and have so much fun while we are together and have so much to talk about afterwards. When you are out there on the trail on your atv you have quality time to yourself and your own thoughts. You are getting to ride in the great outdoors and enjoy nature, splash around in mudpuddles, watch your other ridemates tackle tough rocks and hills and sometimes get stuck in a big mudbog. This equals fabulous fun times and great memories to pass on to our children. We even have a website complete with pictures of our riding trips so that our friends and family can share it with anyone. You may want to check it out sometime to get a visual on how much fun atv riding is.
www.quadriders.blogspot.com

In these times of high stress, war and working forty plus hour workweeks why would you want to take away our fun? We are not hurting anyone. We are not out committing sins such as getting drunk and driving, doing countless illegal drugs that are readily available to anyone these days, shooting our neighbors or stealing everything in sight. We are honest, responsible, hard working, tax paying citizens that respect our neighbors and our environment.

I do realize that people have accidents on atv's and they have been attributed to many deaths and countless injuries. Don't people get hurt just as often driving in a car to work or to go shopping? Or riding a streetbike on a public road? Why don't you consider an atv license just as we have a drivers license for a car or motorcycle? There could be a written and driving test just as there is to get your drivers license. I would do this in a heartbeat if it mean securing my rights to ride my atv.

Why don't you spend your time and money on our homeless situation or the shape that our schools and communities are in? Atv riders are for the most part responsible and respectful riders just out to enjoy nature and the great outdoors. Riding our atv's gives my family and our riding friends quality time with each other that we may not get to spend together otherwise. Things in our world are moving faster than we can keep up with, family and the time you can spend with them is one of the most valuable things in this life and I don't understand why would you want to take that pleasure away?

Thank you for your time and attention,

April Ross

Limestone, Tennessee

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ATV comment
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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Gary Surdyke [gary@surdyke.com]

Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 4:38 PM

To: Stevenson, Todd A.

802 WEAVER ROAD
FESTUS, MO 63028

In reply to: ATV Hearing

Office of the Secretary, ATV Hearing
Consumer Products Safety Commission
Washington, DC 20207

Dear Office of the Secretary, ATV Hearing,

Hear we go again. I am 62 year of age. My wife, Linda and I have 10 children and 23 grandchildren. We have had ATV's at our home for our children and grandchildren since 1980. We also have a swimming pool. A small lake. A trampoline. A place for our grandchildren to Roller Blade and ride their dirt bikes and bicycle's. We have a canoe for them to play in the lake. We play in the snow with sleds and ski's. From time to time somebody hurts himself or herself a bit.

Our children don't use drugs or abuse alcohol. I know why. We have provided them with enough excitement and because of that they love life and themselves.

I believe that the people pushing this issue have a different axe to grind. They are either extreme environmental whacos who wish to completely eliminate the use of ATV's and safety has nothing to do with it or plaintiff's lawyers after the deep pockets of the OEM's

GARY M SURDYKE

Hammond, Rocky

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From: Frank Merriman
Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2003 12:25 PM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: The Right To Choose

Dear Sir,

I'm hearing alot about certain groups wanting to tell we atv riders, what size atv's we can have, or maybe tell us we can't have them at all. I really don't think, in this country anyone, should have a say in what we do, as far as this passtime goes. If our sport is banned or we are told what size atv's we can ride, then what next? I guess we will have to ask someone what sport we can have.

This sure doesn't sound like the Good Old USA to this Voter and Tax Payer, and by the way, what sports are you active in? Sure hope they don't wind up on the hit list next. I guess what it comes down to is where do we draw the line? All people do not enjoy the same things, and we here in the USA, still have a right to choose. That is our right, and NO group has a right to dictate to us what our choices are.

A Conserved ATV Rider
Frank Merriman
Garland Tx.
outrider8@attbi.com

Hammond, Rocky

From: Z400SCOTT@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2003 8:46
To: Hammond, Rocky
Cc: Z400SCOTT@aol.com
Subject: ATV'S

I READ HERE THAT YOU JUST HAD SOME HEARINGS ON ATV SAFETY.. I HAVE BEEN RIDING AND RACING 3-WHEELERS AND OR 4-WHEELERS SINCE I HAVE BEEN 7 YEARS OLD I AM NOW 43 YEARS OLD AND STILL DOING IT. LISTEN WANT I WANT THE FEDERAL SAFETY AGENCY TO KNOW IS BEFORE THE AGENCY TRYS TO DO ANYTHING WITH CHANGING ATV'S. THE REASON THERE ARE SO MANY INJURED OR RELATED DEATHS IS , MOST PEOPLE REFUSE TO WERE THE PROPER SAFETY RIDING GEAR AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. IF PEOPLE FROM THE AGENCY WOULD GO OUT TO SOME OF THE MAJOR RIDING AREAS IN THE USA AND SEE HOW MOST PEOPLE DRESS TO GO OUT RIDING , AND THE COOLERS OF BEER YOU WOULD SEE WERE THE PROBLEM OF MOST PEOPLE GETTING INJURED COMES FROM .WE SEE IT ON A EVERY DAY BASIS WHEN WE ARE RIDING, YOU SEE PEOPLE WEARING THINGS LIKE, SHORTS,NO SHIRTS, NO BOOTS , NO GLOVES ,NO GOGGLES. BIGEST THING NO HELMETS OR NOT THE RIGHT HELMET. THE THING IS MOST OF THESE INJUIRS COME ON PRIVATE LAND AND THAT IS WERE YOU WILL SEE MOST OF THE PEOPLE RIDING LIKE THIS EVEN THOUGH IT IS EVERYWERE. REMEMBER IT IS NOT THE MACHINE THAT IS THE PROBLEM IT IS THE PEOPLE RIDING THEM. I BELIEVE THE THING THAT THE AGENCY NEEDS TO SOME HOW GET THE FEDERAL GOVERMENT TO MAKE LAWS THAT FORCE PEOPLE TO WEAR ALL OF THE PROPER RIDING GEAR. I MEAN THINGS LIKE REAL RIDING BOOTS ,PANTS, GLOVES,GOGGLES AND MOST OF ALL FULL COVERAGE DOT APPROVED HELMETS. AND MAKE IT TOTALLY AGAINST THE LAW TO DRINK WELL RIDING ATV'S OR DIRT BIKES.

IF THERE IS ANYTHING I CAN DO TO MAKE THESE TWO LAWS HAPPEN
E-MAIL ME BACK. BEFORE IT RUINS IT FOR ALL OF THE GOOD RIDING PEOPLE OUT THERE.

THANKS

SCOTT WILKE

Z400SCOTT@AOL.COM

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 12:12 PM
To: 'family_shute@msn.com'
Subject: Youth ATV's

Hello,

We have forwarded your request for information to the appropriate agency personnel. If additional information is needed, someone from the agency will be in contact with you.

Please be advised that you may obtain CPSC publications, recalls and general safety related information via our web site at www.cpsc.gov. Click on the "Search" icon and type in your topic. You may also file an incident report via the web site mentioned above. If you have additional inquiries, you may call our toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772, Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm, Eastern Standard Time. Press 1 to begin and then press 300 to speak with a representative.

tm

-----Original Message-----

From: michael shute [mailto:family_shute@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2003 11:53 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: Youth ATV's

I understand that you are considering a ban on youth ATV's. This is very upsetting to me, after spending 13 months in Vietnam fighting for the right to live in a country of free choice, your group is trying to pass a law to take away our freedom to choose to ride together! My two younger sons are into ATV riding, the three of us spent weekends together riding and racing. It is the only time that the three of us boy's can be together doing what we love.

It is hard for me to understand how you can think about taking away my sons freedom when I fought for yours!!!!

The sport of ATV riding has less injuries than bicycle riding, fact's from government reports, is that sport next! How about baseball, football our swimming. Some how this sounds just like what I went to war to protect my family from!

Please explain to me what gives you the right to take away my family's freedom of choose?

I love my sons with all my heart and would never put their safety at risk. They wear complete safety gear at all times and ride under complete supervision at all times. If you feel that something needs to be done about our sport, set forth regulations on minimum safety gear to be worn at all times when riding ATV's.

I have never before been sorry that I fought for this country's freedom, and I have told my son's that if ever the time should come that they should be proud to serve and fight to preserve this countries freedom. How will I ever explain to them that what I so proudly fought for you so easily want to take away!

Michael, Cody and Dillon Shute

6/9/03

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 12:01 PM
To: 'dennis.hines@medibuy.com'
Subject: ATV Restrictions

Hello,

We have forwarded your request for information to the appropriate agency personnel. If additional information is needed, someone from the agency will be in contact with you.

Please be advised that you may obtain CPSC publications, recalls and general safety related information via our web site at www.cpsc.gov. Click on the "Search" icon and type in your topic. You may also file an incident report via the web site mentioned above. If you have additional inquiries, you may call our toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772, Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm, Eastern Standard Time. Press 1 to begin and then press 300 to speak with a representative.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dennis Hines [mailto:dennis.hines@medibuy.com]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:52 AM
To: Information Center
Subject: ATV Restrictions
Importance: High

Hello, my name is Dennis Hines. I have recently learned that the CPSC is currently considered restricting or banning the legal use and or production of ATV's (four wheelers). It troubles me deeply as a free American citizen that the CPSC would even consider taking away RIGHTS from free Americans. The groups that are pushing for the ban are completely wrongheaded in their reasoning on this issue. THEY NOR YOU have the right to take our rights away. ATV'ing is a wonderful sport, and like all sports, people do unfortunately get hurt from time to time. However, RESPONSIBLE ADULTS and PARENTS should be the ones who decide what they and their children are capable of riding - not the government. I strongly urge you to take no action in further limiting the use of ATV's

Sincerely,

Dennis Hines
Director, Network and Security Operations
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Stevenson, Todd A. 68

From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 11:32 AM
To: 'erniejr@mindspring.com'
Subject: ATV Ban

Hello,

We have forwarded your request for information to the appropriate agency personnel. If additional information is needed, someone from the agency will be in contact with you.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ernie Jr [mailto:erniejr@mindspring.com]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 11:29 AM
To: Information Center
Subject: ATV Ban

Hi, my name is Ernest A. Aguilar from La Puente, CA. I have learned that the CPSC is currently considered banning the legal use and or production of atvs, aka four wheelers. It troubles me deeply as a free American citizen that the CPSC would even consider taking away RIGHTS from free Americans. These groups that are pushing the ban have the RIGHT not to participate in our sport. It is our right as Americans that you are threatening to take away here and I not only think it is wrong but also think it is infringing on our constitutional rights to be free.....

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Hammond, Rocky

From: Roland Thompson
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 6:17 PM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: ATV safety

If you think there are a lot of injuries deaths on ATV why don't you look into the injuries and death rates in cars. I think you will find that about 40,000 are killed in car accidents each year plus numerous injuries. So we should band the automobile as well, that way less people will be injured and killed. Also you should look into airplane accidents more people are killed in aircraft crashes each year than are killed on ATV. Get real!!!! People are killed falling off of ladders are you going to band them also. We might as well stay in bed each and every day to maybe avoid an accident or injury. We sent our soldiers off to war and they get killed or wounded in than action also, so why don't you band that. After all they chose to join and it is all volunteer now. But they shouldn't stop a bullet for other countries that don't even know what they want and they have been fighting amongst themselves for thousands of years.

To whom it may concern.

I am writing this letter to you to help save the sport of ATV.

I am a mother of two young children, and my family has joined our local ATV club last year. At first I was a bit skeptical about the sport, but it did not take long to realize that I had nothing to worry about. Our club prides itself on the fact that we are very safety conscious. Everyone must wear a helmet at all times when riding, kids are not allowed to ride an adult machine, and almost all of our rides are guided by an experienced rider. We also participate in safety courses.

But most of all, ATVing is a family event that we all look forward to. We get to meet new people and get to explore some of our beautiful country. We help clean up trails and repair old ones.

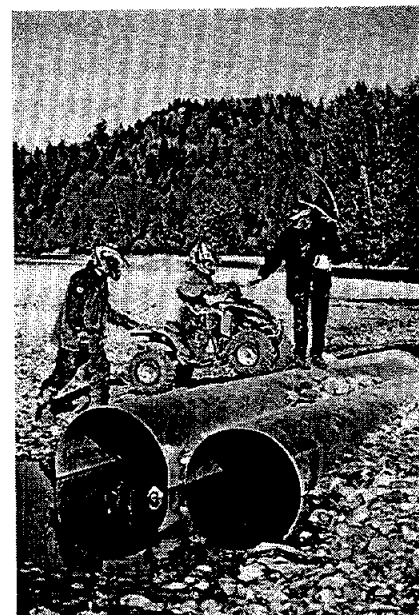
I believe that safety is an individual issue. Yes there are people out there that are irresponsible and careless. But those are also the people you will run into while driving your car. They are also the people who are running around with guns, and I can go on and on. I feel that everything we do has some danger involved in it, but if we are responsible adults guiding our children then there should be no safety concerns. Getting rid of this type of activity will not solve the problem. But if people just use common sense then injuries would be minimal.

In our club we have the elderly riding that love the outdoors and the social aspect of the club. We have young adults who are better of riding the hanging around malls and causing mischief and we have the families that spend quality time together doing what they love. Getting out on our machines gives us the chance to escape our everyday lives and truly enjoy what we do. And the look on our children's faces speaks volumes about what we do.

So please do not make your decision on facts that involve individuals who are irresponsible. But think of all the other people who take care and who love this sport.

Thank you
Sincerely
Andrea Liske

Some of our members guiding a small rider over a man made crossing
Over a salmon spawning creek



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Hammond, Rocky

From: TEJAS10@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 03, 2003 12:21 AM
To: Hammond, Rocky
Subject: My written Testimony - ATV

Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. - My written testimony as a nearly 20 year ATVing enthusiast.

Because this is America, we have been granted a few things -- one of them is the right to choose self responsibility, another is the right to pick and choose our own pursuit of Happiness - however unpleasant it may seem to others -- we have been guaranteed that right by the constitution of this country, which was written by men who were trying to extricate themselves from tyranny. Tyranny that was oppressive and overbearing. By giving into socialistically minded special interest groups whose outward agenda is to protect me from me and under agenda is to further their own delusional special interests, you would in fact be denying me my right to the pursuit of happiness and self responsibility and would continue down the path of this governments seaming destiny to become just the thing it was created to avoid. Please do not march from a healthy, capitalistic free society, into a communistic, governmentally controlled entity that has to have some part in determining my how I live my life by granting the misguided wishes of a few misinformed and informationally manipulative to their own private agenda people, whose own narrow mindedness will determine the fate of a great many of this still great countries ATVing public. Placing any more limits on an already over-governed industry may cause grave consequences -- primarily the potential loss of thousands of jobs because of a stranglehold of unrealistic limitations that would be placed upon the ATV industry, which would lead to stagnation and not a competitive, healthy, industry. This would also ultimately lead to the denial of new, improved, evolved and safer product to the ATVing public. If you don't think its happened before, just look at what the CPSC and the last Consent Decree did to ATVing - it oppressed and bullied the manufacturers so badly that it stagnated the industry for nearly 13 years and curtailed the introduction of any real "new," improved, or even "safer" models for that time. It contained "unrealistic" and even dangerous limitations for ATV's including the frighteningly dangerous stipulation that no youth oriented ATV's may be built with lighting. What sense does it make to not equip children's ATV's with something that could only make them MORE visible and therefore safer. I, and a great many other people believe the CPSC to be down right negligent with that one. Because of these and other limitations contained in the Decree, one manufacturer, Suzuki, nearly quit the industry completely and didn't even have a sport minded ATV in their line up from 1993 until late last year. The industry was already really governing itself and heading away from the supposedly "dangerous" three wheeled ATV's and towards four wheeled models when the last misguided decree was implemented. I beg you, let the "people" decide what is right for themselves and not what the "government" sees fit.

signed, Jonathan R Dellaira, Tax Payer - Pennsylvania

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 1:27 PM
To: 'djbaumann@mchsi.com'
Subject: ATV ban

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From: djbaumann [mailto:djbaumann@mchsi.com]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 1:07 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: ATV ban

Hi, my name is Craig Baumann . I have learned that the CPSC is currently considered banning the legal use and or production of atvs, aka four wheelers. It troubles me deeply as a free American citizen that the CPSC would even consider taking away RIGHTS from free Americans. These groups that are pushing the ban have the RIGHT not to participate. THEY NOR YOU have the right to take our rights away. Atving is a wonderful sport, and like all sports, people do get hurt. If you dont like it, dont participate. Please make the only common sense decision.

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 1:25 PM
To: 'cherokee180c@comcast.net'
Subject: Banning Kids ATV's

Hello,

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-----Original Message-----

From: David Hughes [mailto:cherokee180c@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 1:06 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: Banning Kids ATV's

The recent hearings looking to ban ATV's for kids under 16 are very disturbing to say the least. My family owns 3 ATV's, one for myself, my wife and my son. All three of us have attended the government sponsored ATV safety course, and have safely driven our ATV's for 2 years now. ATVing gives us the opportunity to spend time as a family enjoying the great outdoors. Both my family and son have a much better appreciation for conservation of our natural resources from spending time in the mountains riding together.

Banning ATV's sized specifically for Kids will have a devastatingly negative impact on the mortality rate in ATV accidents which lowering, I presume, is your ultimate goal. Kids will simply pick up larger more powerful Adult ATV's, which can be purchased used, or fraudulently new from dealers. Also, a major category of accidents occur from double riding on ATV's. If you ban kids sized ATV's, parents will be forced to ride with their kids double on their Adult sized ATV's.

The accident data you are primarily using to make your decisions is very flawed! I have read every single accident in the data base before deciding to buy my family ATV's. There is no separation of Utility vs. Sport ATV's in the data. These bikes are much different with different speed to weight ratio's and performance capabilities. The weight difference between these categories are also very significant. On my evaluation of the data, it was very clear that the largest percentage of accidents occur from two primary causes:

1. Lack of proper safety gear (helmet, boots, chest protector)
2. Riding illegally on public roads (hit by another vehicle).

If you remove these two categories, ATVing is fairly safe, especially if you look at the accident statistics for people who have successfully passed the safety course. In a significant number of the accidents the ATV was not even owned by the person in the accident, it was stolen!!! ATV's are stolen very frequently in this area, and

normally the theives are very irresponsible and get hurt. You can not even make an informed decision, until you have collected and analyzed the accident data for people who have taken the safety course. Also many groups are quoting the rise in accidents in the last few years to support their claim to ban ATV's, when in fact the data tells just the opposite story. The accident rate for ATV's has actually dropped significantly in the last few years as the number of ATV's in use has gone up significantly. My family is in much more danger driving the 2 hours to our ATV club, than when on the ATV's. 45,000 people die each year in car accidents. This is true statistically and practically. If you want to significantly improve the safety of ATV's, the following steps should be implemented immediately:

1. The safety course should be mandatory for all ATV riders. You can force this as a requirement to sell an ATV to anybody (including Adults), as well as require any facility to verify that anyone riding on site has successfully passed the safety course. Police or DNCR officers should be able to pull anyone on an ATV over to verify their safety course certificate.

2. All states should be forced to require registration and basic helmet laws should be required. I recently rode at a Poker run in OHIO, and I would say the percentage of people wearing helmets was below 25%. I was horrified to see that, although it is the States fault!

3. The CPSC guidelines on engine displacement need to be amended to include height and weight, so that larger kids are encouraged to get on a quad that is not too powerful, but that properly fit the child.

These are common sense items that would reduce the accident rates on ATV's, unlike your proposed ban that would have the exact opposite effect!

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 2:34 PM
To: 'mpodhorecki@rochestermicro.com'
Subject: ATVs

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mike Podhorecki [mailto:mpodhorecki@rochestermicro.com]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 2:21 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: ATVs

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand there are some upcoming rulings involving youths, ATVs and racing. I would like to express my concern over controlling yet another aspect of my family and myself. We are responsible ATV riders with safety being the most important consideration. ATV riding is an activity that brings us closer together as a family. As we all know, keeping children occupied, especially as a family is probably the most important thing we can do as parents. My children are not big on sports but love ATV riding.

Although I realize the perspective legislation pertains to racing. However, I'm sure this will lead to more legislation. Perhaps this effort should be re-routed to an education program for those few who will ruin it for all of us. You do not need a license to breed.

Sincerely,
Mike Podhorecki
mpodhorecki@rochestermicro.com

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:58 AM
To: 'bore13x@yahoo.com'
Subject: ATV Ban

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bobby Weiser [mailto:bore13x@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 3:17 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: ATV Ban

Hi, my name is Bobby Weiser. I have learned that the CPSC is currently considered banning the legal use and or production of atvs, aka four wheelers. It troubles me deeply as a free American citizen that the CPSC would even consider taking away RIGHTS from free Americans. These groups that are pushing the ban have the RIGHT not to participate. THEY NOR YOU have the right to take our rights away. Atving is a wonderful sport, and like all sports, people do get hurt. If you dont like it, dont participate. Please make the only common sense decision. Thankyou.

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 10:51 AM
To: 'jeffrey.wright@leggett.com'
Subject: ATVing - Please Don't Ban Us

Hello,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeffrey Wright [mailto:jeffrey.wright@leggett.com]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 10:47 AM
To: Information Center
Subject: ATVing - Please Don't Ban Us

To whom it may concern:

My name is Jeffrey Wright and I have been an ATV Enthusiast for 16 years. I have met so many new friends through ATVing. I got my first ATV at the age of 15 and have loved every minute of it. After reading about the proposed ban on ATV's I had to email you and plead with each of you not to ban the activity I love so much. A ban is not the answer. I remember when I got my first ATV, a 1987 Suzuki QuadSport 230, there were no safety videos or training classes. I had to find out the hard way that, just like an automobile or motorcycle, you have to respect the vehicle and not ride beyond your ability. Unfortunately ATV safety is not enforced enough, but with the right campaign for safety, this can change. ATVing is growing to the point that manufacturers will be more than willing to work with you to develop a well marketable safety campaign. I am a firm believer that when an ATV is purchased within a family, all members should be required to attend the safety classes. Also, the safety classes should take place before the ATV is purchased. I know when my wife and I have children I want them to experience the joy of ATVing. Parents that purchase the ATV's for their children should be responsible for training and guiding their children in safety, proper riding techniques, and respect for the ATV.

A recommendation to increase safety for ATV's is to require new safety measures on the ATV from the manufacturers. This includes a tether switch to safely turn off the motor in the event of a roll-over, Mandatory ATV flags on all new ATV's to increase visibility, and maybe even a horn.

I personally know of only two people who have been killed on ATV's, but I know almost 10 people who have been killed on street bikes. I knew over 10 people who have been killed in automobiles in the same 16 years I have been riding ATV's.

Please don't ban ATV's. Instead, work with the manufactures and the ATV community to help increase ATV safety.

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Regards,

Jeffrey L. Wright

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 10:55 AM
To: 'gurrgregger@aol.com'
Subject: ATV

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-----Original Message-----

From: Pucciarelli, Ellen M
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 10:13 AM
To: Information Center
Subject: web site feedback

Name = GREG ZAHARIADIS
Organization/Affiliation = ATV RIDER
Address = gurrgregger@aol.com
How find site = Other
Most useful = Talk

Additions to site: NOTHING, YOUR GOING TO RUIN A FUN SPORT FOR THE YOUTH

Suggestions to improve: NOTHING TAKE IT DOWN THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO

Additional comments: SAVE THE SPORT

Services used: , , , , , , ,

Services useful: , , , , , , ,

Stevenson, Todd A.

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 10:55 AM
To: 'pmthorn@concentric.net'
Subject: DON'T BAN ATV'S

Hello,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Paul <The ChknHwk> [mailto:pmthorn@concentric.net]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:54 AM
To: Information Center
Subject: DON'T BAN ATV'S

Hi, my name is Paul Thornton. I have learned that the CPSC is currently considered banning the legal use and or production of atvs, aka four wheelers. It troubles me deeply as a free American citizen that the CPSC would even consider taking away RIGHTS from free Americans. These groups that are pushing the ban have the RIGHT not to participate. THEY NOR YOU have the right to take our rights away. Atving is a wonderful sport, and like all sports, people do get hurt. If you dont like it, dont participate. Please make the only common sense decision.

Sincerely,

Paul Thornton

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 10:56 AM
To: Stevenson, Todd A.
Subject: web site feedback - atv comment

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-----Original Message-----
From: Pucciarelli, Ellen M
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 10:14 AM
To: Information Center
Subject: web site feedback - atv comment

Name =
Organization/Affiliation =
Address =
How find site = Other
Most useful = Talk

Additions to site: nothing

Suggestions to improve: no

Additional comments: You need to but out of our bussness about the ATV hearing, so 124 people died in ohio, maybe 500 people died on atvs last year. How many people died on bicycles? Banning atvs until your 21? you can vote at 18 you can go get killed in a war at 18 but you cant ride a atv? What about driving a car, i am 15 and i can drive a 4000 pound weapon that can kill hundreds of people in the right situation, but i cant ride a atv that i can only hurt myslef on. If you are goign to ban atvs you need to ban, sea doos, dirt bikes, boats, cars, bycles, airplanes, and anything else that people can get hurt on. If you are worried aobut little kids start charging the parents with recless endangerment and leave it up to the people not the government. I am beginning to wonder if this country is really free anymore or if that is all prapaganda. work on feeding the poor, or a cure for aids or cancer, that kills millions, not atvs that kill mabye 1000 people a year. get a life.

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Services useful: , , , , , , ,

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:50 AM
To: 'thompson_chase@hotmail.com'
Subject: ATV

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-----Original Message-----

From: chase thompson [mailto:thompson_chase@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 1:45 PM
To: Information Center
Subject:

Hi my name is Chase, I have learn the CPSC considering banning ATVs, This troubles me deeply that the CPSC would to the rights away from free American citizens. These groups that want the banning of ATVs have never participated in that sport. With COMMON SENCE this is a very safe sport. In my whole life i have never been hurt during riding ATVs, but i can not say that about just riding in a car. Around where I live I never heard of anyone getting seruosly hurt from a ATV, but in the last month I have known of 2 people that have died in car accidents.

So please reconsider the ban.

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:49 AM
To: 'dubber97@msn.com'
Subject: Atv hearing

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-----Original Message-----

From: Erik Dubb [mailto:dubber97@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2003 11:11 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: Atv hearing

I have been involved in the sport of Atvs all my life. I traveled the country with my family and friends and the sport has kept our family together when others have fallen apart. Riding is something as a child, you look forward to, and doing it with your family is a add bonus. Please do not take this away from us. The laws that we have now are more than sufficient. We need to make people more aware of Atv safety and not change the law to ruin our family sport. Thank you Erik

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:48 AM
To: 'free12160@yahoo.com'
Subject: atv hearings

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From: Bill Ingersoll [mailto:free12160@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2003 11:04 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: atv hearings

Hello, my name is Bill Ingersoll I'm 18 years old from upstate new york, im very concerned about the atv hearings, i find them ridiculous as well i have been racing and riding atv s for more than 6 years and its been the best times of my life its kept me out of trouble and away from drugs and alchol, and whenyo u operate them as they are intended to be they are safe! not everything is 100% safe i support what you people do to an extent and i hope these hearings do not change a thing, its the parents responsibility to decide what is right for their children and whent here is a recomendation for them not to ride that atv they should not be on it, have you also thought how unsafe the current rules are? a 6 ft 2 in rider on a 90 cc machine is more dangerous than if he was on a full size atv fit for his riding ability and skill level.

thanks for your time,please respond

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:47 AM
To: 'tom_111@hotmail.com'
Subject: ATV

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-----Original Message-----

From: tom friederick [mailto:tom_111@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 7:34 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: ATV

Hi, my name is Tom Friederick . I have learned that the CPSC is currently considered banning the legal use and or production of atvs, aka four wheelers. It troubles me deeply as a free American citizen that the CPSC would even consider taking away RIGHTS from free Americans. These groups that are pushing the ban have the RIGHT not to participate. THEY NOR YOU have the right to take our rights away. Atving is a wonderful sport, and like all sports, people do get hurt. If you dont like it, dont participate. Please make the only common sense decision. I would just like to add that there is millions of riders out there that will fight this ban if you keep trying! And i am Proud to say i am one of them!!

Tom Friederick

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:48 AM
To: 'Raydox@sympatico.ca'
Subject: ATV's

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-----Original Message-----

From: Adric C [mailto:Raydox@sympatico.ca]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 10:06 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: ATV's

Hi

I have learned that the CPSC is trying to ban the legal use and production of ATV's. I am a an ATV rider, and very much disagree with the banning of ATV's. I hope this helps to change your mind.

Thanks for listening

Adric

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:45 AM
To: 'bradz400@yahoo.com'
Subject: the ban of our beloved atvs

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From: brad z [mailto:bradz400@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 7:44 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: the ban of our beloved atvs

Hi, my name is brad zoino of harwich massachusetts. I have learned that the CPSC is currently considered banning the legal use and or production of atvs, aka four wheelers. It troubles me deeply as a free American citizen that the CPSC would even consider taking away RIGHTS from free Americans. These groups that are pushing the ban have the RIGHT not to participate. THEY NOR YOU have the right to take our rights away. Atving is a wonderful sport, and like all sports, people do get hurt. If you dont like it, dont participate. Please make the only common sense decision.

id just like to add that our country isnt doing as it promised in being free if this ban gets passed. please consider those words

sincerely
brad zoino

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:44 AM
To: 'natel765@msn.com'
Subject: ATV Ban

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From: Nathan Lutz [mailto:natel765@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 8:30 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: ATV Ban

Hi, my name is Nate Lutz. I have learned that the CPSC is currently considered banning the legal use and or production of atvs, aka four wheelers. It troubles me deeply as a free American citizen that the CPSC would even consider taking away RIGHTS from free Americans. These groups that are pushing the ban have the RIGHT not to participate. THEY NOR YOU have the right to take our rights away. Atving is a wonderful sport, and like all sports, people do get hurt. If you dont like it, dont participate. Please make the only common sense decision.

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:44 AM
To: 'OutlawEX@aol.com'
Subject: atv banning

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From: OutlawEX@aol.com [mailto:OutlawEX@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 8:33 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: atv banning

Hi, my name is Brandon C. Jones . I have learned that the CPSC is currently considered banning the legal use and or production of atvs, aka four wheelers. It troubles me deeply as a free American citizen that the CPSC would even consider taking away RIGHTS from free Americans. These groups that are pushing the ban have the RIGHT not to participate. THEY NOR YOU have the right to take our rights away. Atving is a wonderful sport, and like all sports, people do get hurt. If you dont like it, dont participate. Please make the only common sense decision.

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:41 AM
To: 'E105337@aol.com'
Subject: Dont Ban ATK

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From: E105337@aol.com [mailto:E105337@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 9:18 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: Dont Ban ATK

Hi, my name is Ryan Moran . I have learned that the CPSC is currently considered banning the legal use and or production of atvs, aka four wheelers. It troubles me deeply as a free American citizen that the CPSC would even consider taking away RIGHTS from free Americans. These groups that are pushing the ban have the RIGHT not to participate. THEY NOR YOU have the right to take our rights away. Atving is a wonderful sport, and like all sports, people do get hurt. If you dont like it, dont participate. Please make the only common sense decision.

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:40 AM
To: 'bk2008@rcn.com'
Subject: ATV BAN

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From: Brian Knudsen [mailto:bk2008@rcn.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 9:57 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: ATV BAN

Hi, my name is Kevin Knudsen. I have learned that the CPSC is currently considered banning the legal use and or production of atvs, aka four wheelers. It troubles me deeply as a free American citizen that the CPSC would even consider taking away RIGHTS from free Americans. These groups that are pushing the ban have the RIGHT not to participate. THEY NOR YOU have the right to take our rights away. Atving is a wonderful sport, and like all sports, people do get hurt. If you dont like it, dont participate. Please make the only common sense decision.

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:33 AM
To: 'nausty@pcpartner.net'
Subject: atv ban

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From: Dustin Hofert [mailto:nausty@pcpartner.net]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 10:05 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: atv ban

Hi, my name is Dustin Hofert . I have learned that the CPSC is currently considered banning the legal use and or production of atvs, aka four wheelers. It troubles me deeply as a free American citizen that the CPSC would even consider taking away RIGHTS from free Americans. These groups that are pushing the ban have the RIGHT not to participate. THEY NOR YOU have the right to take our rights away. Atving is a wonderful sport, and like all sports, people do get hurt. If you dont like it, dont participate. Please make the only common sense decision.

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:32 AM
To: 'jamesmcd45@excite.com'
Subject: ATV hearings

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From: [mailto:jamesmcd45@excite.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 10:18 PM
To: Information Center
Subject: ATV hearings

Hi,

My name is James McDonald and I have been riding all terrain vehicles for over 15 years. I have learned that the CPSC is currently considered banning the legal use and or production of atvs, aka four wheelers. It troubles me deeply as a free American citizen that the CPSC would even consider taking away RIGHTS from free Americans. These groups that are pushing the ban have the RIGHT not to participate. THEY NOR YOU have the right to take our rights away. Atving is a wonderful sport, and like all sports, people do get hurt. If you dont like it, dont participate. Please make the only common sense decision.

Thank you for your time,

James McDonald

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:32 AM
To: 'blaze420allstar@yahoo.com'
Subject: ATV

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-----Original Message-----

From: James Chandler [mailto:blaze420allstar@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 10:20 PM
To: Information Center
Subject:

hello, this email is concerning the banning of ATVs. This is not right. There's no reason to ban them. If you ban ATVs, then you're going to have to ban all the other motorized sports. Such as Dirtbikes. And mud bogging with the big 4x4 trucks. Any reason you have for banning them can be said the same about cars. People die on cars, people do stupid things with cars, cars pollute the air, cars have ruined forests. If you're really worried about Woods and nature, then you should be out there cleaning up garbage sites where the old busted cars sit and rust. You can't ban ATVs and not ban cars. Just think what ATVs do, and think about what your car is doing when you drive to work. There's no MAJOR reason for doing this. Don't ruin something that people love with a paton.

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From: Information Center
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2003 9:59 AM
To: 'webmaster@quadfmx.com'
Subject: ATV

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From: webmaster [mailto:webmaster@quadfmx.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2003 3:37 PM
To: Information Center
Subject:

Hi, my name is Tyler Rasmussen. I have learned that the CPSC is currently considered banning the legal use and or production of atvs, aka four wheelers. It troubles me deeply as a free American citizen that the CPSC would even consider taking away RIGHTS from free Americans. These groups that are pushing the ban have the RIGHT not to participate. THEY NOR YOU have the right to take our rights away. Atving is a wonderful sport, and like all sports, people do get hurt. If you dont like it, dont participate. Please make the only common sense decision. Thank you, Tyler Rasmussen

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