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Dear Senators,

Thank you for requesting my comments. My name is Ron Loomis, I have been a Nevada resident for more than forty years and have been active in issues concerning off-highway recreation. As a registered Republican, new taxes upset me, particularly if there is no discernable benefit to those paying.

I was told the purpose of this bill is to discourage out of state purchases. Because this is a free country, we can purchase an atv in Utah (and save the 7.25% Nevada sales tax). A survey done (by Motorcycle Industry Council and AMA) six years ago indicated approximately 20% of vehicle purchases that would be affected by this bill were made out of state. 8% of those were done to avoid sales tax; 12% because they got a better deal. Why punish the 80% who buy in Nevada with an additional tax when the Nevada department of taxation has the authority to collect taxes on out of state purchases (refer to NRS 372, line 2). We do not need another bureaucracy to register, monitor and enforce another tax.

Nevada has no state park permitting unlicensed vehicles and no plans for one. Since it is unlawful to ride or drive an atv or dirt bike on a paved road or a county graded road, how will this additional tax benefit us? Who is going to enforce this proposed law? Will a state trooper try to arrest me on BLM (federal) land if I don't have a sticker (registration) on my dirt bike?

Although a family buying four atvs would pay an extra \$100 every year, they can still save \$300 to \$600 per unit buying out of state, from the internet, or Canada. This bill does NOT address the problem it was created to solve and income derived from it would NOT be used to purchase rights of way for atv and dirt bike trails. This tax money would NOT develop and maintain a trails system. It would probably NOT even be adequate to support the bureaucracy it would create.

Until a bill is introduced which ties funds collected to trail system development and maintenance, it will not have the support of the 100,000 Nevadans who enjoy off-highway recreation.

Thank you again for your diligence in trying to solve our problems in Nevada.

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SB 117 has been scheduled for Thursday 6th at 1:30 pm in room 2149. They took it off of the agenda for today because they knew we would be coming up there. A lot of us took off work to do this. Is this the way the Senate works? We are more than willing to sit down and talk with someone about registration and a green sticker program for the State of Nevada, but no Senator to date seems to think that the "actually OHV users" are important enough to contact us. This bill is being ramrod through the legislature without our comments or concerns. Over the past 10 years Ron Loomis (Team Loomis Off-highway training, Nevada Trails Coalition, Nevada Partner NOHVCC National Off-highway Vehicle Conservation Council) has been trying to get someone in the legislature to listen to us, but to no avail. The State of Nevada has NO FUNDING for any OHV riding areas, yet you want ALL of our registration fees and so forth to go to the general fund! This is crazy! That money needs to go to the Nevada State Parks Division to provide motorized trails while protecting the environment. Would you please look at the attachment and see how we (the OHV owners) think the OHV money should be spent. The State of Nevada has been very good at making Parks and Trails for the non-motorized recreational users, but has left the motorized recreational users in the dust. I like many others in Nevada Trails Coalition are over 40 and can not just go hiking or mountain biking as we are physically disabled. We have a right to experience the great outdoor atmosphere (not just from some concrete pathway) as any able bodied person can. Will you stand up for us, the minority and STOP SB117? Will you help us get money to provide the trails and areas to allow us the same rights as others? Please we need your help NOW. Take SB117 off the agenda and work with us to make it a win-win for every tax payer in the State of Nevada. Thank you, Christina Adams, President Nevada Trails Coalition.

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