

**Testimony in Opposition to HB 5417, *AN ACT CONCERNING OPEN SPACE AND THE
CREATION OF TRAILS FOR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES***

This is in regards to Bill 5417 on the use of public land for ATV use. Currently, the ATV riders, ride illegally, both on residential streets and Connecticut State land, destroying the land and wildlife. My property abuts Connecticut State land. I want to be able to sit in my backyard and not hear the roar of their bikes. Right now my neighbor illegally uses Connecticut state land as his private ATV course. He deliberately rides near my property line destroying everything in his path. My property value will go down and then I will be forced to seek legal council on what are my rights as a property owner if this bill is passed. Last summer another neighbor was driving his ATV with a trailer attached loaded with little children on our street. Clearly, the ATV owners have no regards to the law. If this bill is passed, it will just be a free for all and all Connecticut State land will be their playground even if you only segregate it to a few pieces of property. Please don't pass this bill. Please enact stricter laws and fines for illegal ATV use.

Regards,

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