



# Letter of Support For SB 227

CONNECTICUT RECREATION  
AND PARKS ASSOCIATION

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Planning and Development Committee:

**Please favorably report SB 227, *An Act Concerning the Unauthorized Use of All-Terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles.***

Good morning. My name is William Engle. I am writing to you in my capacity as a member of the Connecticut Recreation and Park Association's Executive Board and Legislative Committee, to express the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association's support for the proposed fine of \$180.00 for all-terrain and snowmobile operators who access State, municipal and private land without the written consent of the property owner(s).

The Connecticut Recreation & Parks Association ("CRPA") represents approximately 700 individuals who represent municipal parks and recreation commissions in almost all 169 communities in Connecticut.

Most public and private land, frequented by ATV users, are not intended to be used by ATV or other motorized vehicles. Walking and bike trails, open space and other natural preserves are often damaged by ATV users, putting a financial strain on property owners to upkeep their land. In some cases, such as in wetlands and other protected and limited natural resources, the damage is irreversible.

We believe that proposed legislation, in addition to being held accountable for any property damages resulted from such travel and the ability for property owners to identify unauthorized users through ATV license plates, will help deter ATV and snowmobile users from venturing onto properties that prohibit motorized vehicles.

As the statewide association of professionals in the parks and recreation field, who maintain the majority of public land in Connecticut, we are in favor of SB 227.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William Engle  
CRPA Executive Board & Legislative  
Committee Member

Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association (CRPA) is a non-profit 501 (C)(3) organization dedicated to the promotion, development, and improvement of all recreation and parks services within the State of Connecticut. CRPA has approximately 700 members, who represent almost all 169 towns in Connecticut.