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To: Senator Eric Coleman, Co-Chairman
Representative Brendan Sharkey, Co-Chairman
Honorable Members of the Planning & Development Committee
Room 2100, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Ref.: SB 227: An act concerning the unauthorized use of all terrain vehicles (ATV) and snowmobiles.

This is a letter of support for legislation concerning penalties for the unauthorized use of motor vehicles on municipal land.

I am a member of the Peter's Rock Association of North Haven, CT. The association is responsible for maintenance and improvements to the park. The park includes 200+ acres of open space and park land. There are many hiking trails and a magnificent summit view.

We have ongoing problems with ATVs and motorbikes within the park. Considerable damage has been caused by their activity. Trails have become deeply rutted causing erosion and drainage problems making hiking difficult in many areas. Hikers have also been intimidated by the divers of these vehicles.

Strong legislation is needed to stop this activity. Increased penalties both monetary and through confiscation are needed.

Please help us rid our parks of this unwanted and unacceptable activity.

Thank You.

Michael Fletcher
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