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**Testimony in Support of: HB 5104 ATV REGISTRATION, and Closely related Bills concerning the registration and use of ATV's : SB 715 UNIVERSAL ATV REGISTRATION SYSTEM, SB 811 UNAUTHORIZED ATV USE PENALTIES, and SB 820 ATV, DIRT BIKE LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS**

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*The following testimony is submitted on behalf of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, a statewide nonprofit membership organization of over 5,000 families dedicated to farming and the future of Connecticut agriculture.*

Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, and Members of the Transportation Committee:

Connecticut farmers have long been suffering business losses including crop damage and vandalism and other property losses at the hands of off road vehicle operators, particularly atv and dirt bike riders riding on their property without permission. The fact that there is no identification on these vehicles makes it particularly difficult to identify the responsible vehicles, in order to bring them to justice. We not only strongly support the registration of atv's and dirt bikes, we request that the registration numerals and letters be large enough, and positioned on the vehicle so that it is identifiable at some distance. I know that one of the arguments against registration is that riders are not provided a place to ride by the state. If some areas could be identified for that use, it might some pressure off Connecticut farmer's lands. I would suggest that some of the fees collected from registration go to a damage fund like dog licenses, for property owners who have suffered losses at the hands of unauthorized riders of these vehicles.

Thank you for your consideration of these points. Don Tuller Connecticut Farm Bureau Association