

## Transportation Public Hearing

SB 190

Testimony vs. dangerous dirt bike usage on behalf of the New Haven S.I.T. Coalition:

Just over 6 months ago, after enduring one too many summers of endless noise pollution and blatant disregard for public safety and New Haven and State motor vehicle laws, a handful of Citizens from throughout New Haven who felt powerless and hopeless in dealing with the constant assault of illegally operated atv and dirt bike traffic our streets decided to form a small Citizen's group dubbing itself the SIT coalition. Its members are all residents of New Haven representing nearly all of New Haven's Neighborhoods. We met a few times in the summer of 2012 to brainstorm ideas of what we could do to ameliorate this issue beginning in the summer of 2013.

The problem at hand is that presently, as we understand it, if you are caught riding an illegally operated motorbike or off-road vehicle in New Haven, all you have to do is pay a small towing fee and nominal fine (roughly a cost of between \$100 to \$200) to get the vehicle back. Many times the same seized bikes are seen back on the streets soon after they are towed. **We are talking uninsured, unregistered, operated without a license bikes being ridden endlessly day in and out** with no real repercussions for the rider but with serious negative effects on public safety and life quality. It was this problem that we as a group of concerned citizens sought to help find a solution for. Shortly after starting an online petition we realized, as suspected, that we were not the only ones in New Haven and surrounding towns who felt that this problem was wrong.

I hope that in your deliberations you find the following internet links useful in identifying the extent of the problem in the State (Bridgeport, Hartford are dealing with the same issues)

- [Video of Illegally Operated Vehicles on Interstate Highways](#)
- [Riders riding on streets in the aftermath of Nemo Blizzard of 2013](#)
- [Petition with nearly 500 \(nearly all from Southern CT residents\) signatures](#)
- Lastly please find some of the testimony provided by more nearly 500 New Haven/Southern CT residents on the online petition below, we hope that there words resonate with you as well as they have will all of us:

To:

State of Connecticut General Assembly, New Haven Office of the Mayor  
Stop the use of illegally operated vehicles on New Haven streets and parks.

Sincerely,  
[Your name]

## Supporters

- bobby maraj NEW HAVEN, CT

this is important because it is a severe safety hazard for the residents of fair haven and will not only result in an injury due to the dirt bikes but people will get fed up and start taking action themselves against these people

- Bridget Suma NEW HAVEN, CT

This is a safety and quality of life concern for everyone involved!

- David Budries NEW HAVEN, CT

It's essential to keep the quality of life in our neighborhoods high. There should be a reasonable expectation for safety, quiet and comfort. The offenders noted should be encouraged to learn something about being part of a community.

- Ben Baker NEW HAVEN, CT

This is a serious public safety & quality of life issue, as others have pointed out, but there is also a question of fair and equitable treatment under the law. Why are these motorized vehicles and others like them (e.g., motor scooters) not required to bear license plates (and comply with safety & environmental standards) in order to travel public streets--in contrast to most motorcycles, not to mention passenger vehicles and other motorized transport? Why bother requiring responsible teens--or anybody, for that matter--to undergo driver education (with its safety training and study of rules of the road, etc.) and take both a written and road test to obtain a license if it is otherwise "okay" for these unlicensed individuals to ride around as recklessly as they please on these vehicles, which were not designed for use in urban (or suburban) traffic?

- Jane Mills NEW HAVEN, CT

We can hardly illustrate how wild the riders are in our comments. Legislators should visit New Haven Bike Life on YouTube and other sites as suggested by others to begin to get a sense of the situation. I support proposals that specifically target ATVs and dirt bikes. These vehicles are not street legal. In New Haven groups of boys and young men ride in swarms and appear with no warning. They weave in and out of traffic, run red lights, play chicken with oncoming traffic and jump on and off sidewalks. Drivers often just stop their cars, unsure of what else to do to remain safe as evading could result in hitting one. Pedestrians are caught by surprise as well. There have been deaths and injuries. Sometimes there is other harassment. Other petition signers have described harassment they have experienced. As a pedestrian I was once surprised by a young man on a dirt bike riding on the sidewalk who stopped to circle me a few times menacingly before riding on. Riders do not confine themselves to local roads. They ride on state roads such as

upper Whalley Avenue and even the Interstate highway. On YouTube a video was found showing a 4-wheel ATV rider from New Haven Bike Life on I-91 near Exit 4 in New Haven doing one-handed wheelies in traffic. It is clear from the video that one minor slip would have been catastrophic. The I-91 ride was a "memorial" ride in honor of another local rider who was killed riding. Finally, public dialogue with riders has not persuaded them to stop. For these reasons I support legislation that would allow permanent confiscation of these vehicles.

- Paul Andersen HAMDEN, CT

Non-motorized vehicles for recreation and commuting can and do legally share streets and parks with pedestrians. Off-road powered vehicles by law cannot! This law needs stricter enforcement!!

- Elizabeth Rogers NEW HAVEN, CT

As a senior citizen I feel vulnerable, even to the adolescents on regular bikes.

- Moses Boone NEW HAVEN, CT

IT is a motorized vehicle and they treat it as if was merely a toy bike. They destroy the tranquility and totally disrespect other's safety and property. I have caught several driving up on my property and destroying the lawn with tracks.

- Britton Rogers NEW HAVEN, CT

Feeling safe is a basic need to function.

- Leslie Johnson BRANFORD, CT

The illegal use of street bikes is dangerous to both pedestrians and bicyclists (and motorists) as they cause confusion due to non-traditional usage of sidewalks and roads.

- Krishna Sampath NEW HAVEN, CT

Up and down Whitney Ave., several of these dirt bike riders have been operating these street illegal vehicles, driving the wrong way on the street, pulling tricks, and generally interfering with safe traffic flow for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. Please stop such illegal vehicle use!

- Ryuichi KOGA NEW HAVEN, CT

Illegally operated motorbikes that are also supposed to be poorly maintained make loud noises and these sometime annoy me especially midnight.

- Allison Gorsuch NEW HAVEN, CT

I want our streets to be safe for everyone.

- Drew Harris CHESHIRE, CT

My family often comes to New Haven for recreation and cultural activities. It seems insane to let a few outlaws threaten the safety and peace of the majority with little or no enforcement of laws. Please stop this.

- nathan bixby NEW HAVEN, CT

common sense

- Jessica Johnson NEW HAVEN, CT

I live on Chapel Street in Wooster Square and am frequently startled by the sound of dirt bikes racing down our street. There is a school here, and the park and weekly farmers market. These illegally and dangerously operated bikes make the streets more dangerous for everyone. Stronger penalties would be a step in the right direction.

- Carl Goldfield NEW HAVEN, CT

It's an obnoxious arrogation of public space by vandals who feel entitled to desecrate the environment and immune from any consequence.

- Jennifer Brosious HAMDEN, CT

I ride my bicycle to work and other places on a regular basis. Riding a bicycle is good for the environment and good for health reasons, and these illegal dirt bikes make conditions unsafe and uncomfortable for those who ride bicycles out of choice or out of need.

- David Caron NEW HAVEN, CT

the danger they present to pedestrians

- Stephen Ackley-Ortiz WOODBRIDGE, CT

While I live in Woodbridge, I work in New Haven (Yale) and regularly find myself in neighborhoods impacted by this illegal and dangerous activity! I stand with my New Haven friends in their effort to end this behavior!

- Laura Burrone NEW HAVEN, CT

Not just annoying, these day trippers are a danger to themselves and others

- Thomas Fulton NEW HAVEN, CT

These bikes terrorize citizens, proclaiming open criminality and a potentially infectious lawlessness (since nothing seems to be done about even this blatant crime). It is not good for the city!

- Thomas Fulton NEW HAVEN, CT

These vehicles are hazardous to children and pedestrians, obnoxiously noisy and polluting, and they loudly proclaim lawlessness and open criminality.

- Mark Youngblood NEW HAVEN, CT

They go up and down our street all day (and night), are VERY noisy, wake up babies, etc. Our driveway is on a hill and they come flying up it doing wheelies. We cannot see them when we come out of our driveway and it is just a matter of time before someone is hurt.

- Donna Karrmann NEW HAVEN, CT

when you are driving down rt 80 and a dirt bike is driving down the middle of the cars on one wheel with a mask over his face that is dangerous and scary

- Billie Ladd NEW HAVEN, CT

We use the parks for walking - this should be a quiet time for all - we have little quiet space in our society

- mary rosario NEW HAVEN, CT

The safety of all children is important to me.

- Larry Laconi NEW HAVEN, CT

These illegal dirt bikers are a serious danger on my street and are an incredible nuisance.

- Jane Kovel NEW HAVEN, CT

It's very noisy and they think they don't have to follow the rules of the road.

- Jeanne Kerr NEW HAVEN,, CT

There have been incidents of young men on these vehicles frightening residents in my neighborhood.

- Ruth Risberg NEW HAVEN, CT

Definitely a safety issue -- fast bikes in large groups suddenly appear and folks are not ready for them

- Hannah Croasmun NEW HAVEN, CT

These noisy vehicles are dangerous and scare my young daughter.

- Nathaniel Hadley NEW HAVEN, CT

Not much dirt on the sidewalks, however there are plenty of pedestrians. Seems to be an inherent conflict of interest.

- Edward Martenson NEW HAVEN, CT

Noise. Danger. Disruption of the peace. Disrespect of the law and the community breeds more disrespect for the law and the community.

- Vanessa Porrata NEW HAVEN, CT

A constant nuisance on my street & community

- Rossana Santos NEW HAVEN, CT

Public safety and noise issues--we have children and enjoy our quiet urban neighborhood.

- Helene Sapadin NEW HAVEN, CT

The bikes make our streets unsafe and the noise is very disturbing. We want our neighborhood to be a pleasant and safe place to live.

- andrew samsel NEW HAVEN, CT

I have 2 small children who like to walk in the neighborhood and also in East Rock park. It is dangerous seeing these dirt bikes on our streets.

- Carole Greenbaum NEW HAVEN, CT

safety

- Jocelyne Hinfray NEW HAVEN, CT

I love this city, but it's becoming more dangerous every day. This a step in the right direction. Too many around me are already leaving or ready to leave... Sad, but true.

- jay bright NEW HAVEN, CT

These motorized mobs really terrorize motorists.

- Duncan Goodall NEW HAVEN, CT

These kids are a menace.

- Chris Candido NEW HAVEN, CT

Sleep deprived and aggravated.

- Luis Jimenez NEW HAVEN CT 06511, CT

Porque nos ayuda a salvar vidas tanto las delos que operan los motos como las de los nuestros  
gracis

- Darlene Casella NEW HAVEN, CT

They are loud, disturb the peace and dangerous for riders, drivers and pedestrians

- Mary McMullen NEW HAVEN, CT

Quality of life disrupted.

- Shannon Capasso NEW HAVEN, CT

Safety of our community.

- Alfred Jessel NEW HAVEN, CT

excessive noise

- Jill Sarkady NEW HAVEN, CT

Due to the noise.

- John Goldin NEW HAVEN, CT

Affects the quality of life in the neighborhood and it is a safety issue as well for both residents  
and riders.

- Jennifer Yaro NEW HAVEN, CT

Safety and quality of life in New Haven

- Martin Torresquintero NEW HAVEN, CT

saw a kid being almost killed in an accident.

- Martha Smith NEW HAVEN, CT

The dirt bikers are a danger to others and themselves.

- Celeste Suggs NEW HAVEN, CT

Safety not only for neighborhood residents but for the kids on the bikes too.

- Ellen Barrett NEW HAVEN, CT

The bikes are dangerous and noisy.

- Aaron Pine NEW HAVEN, CT

This activity has no place in civil society.

- Michelle Hampson NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

In addition to the safety concerns, these bikes also seem to have no noise control and roar, disturbing everyone around, often in the middle of the night.

- Craig Newick NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

This is a very dangerous situation for all involved.

- William Rankin NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

These bikes race up and down my street, making a LOT of noise, running stop signs, and putting everyone at risk. There must be something we can do!

- Langdon Hammer NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Noise and safety

- Brenda Jones Barnes NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

The illegal use of dirt bikes/ATV's is a huge safety issue and negatively impacts the quality of life in neighborhoods throughout our City. The lack of respect from the riders for the laws and

rules of conduct for vehicles on the roads and pedestrians on sidewalks is unacceptable. Law abiding citizens are being threatened daily by individuals unwilling to respect ordinances and laws. We require stronger enforcement language and support from the State of CT General Assembly. Thank you for your action in this matter.

- Ann Hoefer NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

I am frightened by packs of bikes roaring up my street.

- Alexander Marathas NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

I was almost run over by one of these.

- Paul Turner NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

It is dangerous to have these vehicles on the street, and the noise level worries me too.

- Thomas Nimmo PALM HARBOR, FL
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

I think that the legislature should require licensing for those who operate ATVs, dirt bikes and motor scooter type vehicles on public roads or on public lands.

- GINA D'ERRICO NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

IT IS A PUBLIC SAFETY SSUE AS WELL AS A QUALITY OF LIFE CONCERN FOR THOSE LIVING IN THE CITY.

- William Meyer NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Quality of life, property values.

- William Meyer NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

It is all of our right' to enjoy our neighborhood quietly and peacefully . We should not be forced to live with noisy & out of control people riding dirt bikes and ATVs through city streets.

- Grace Bright NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

I saw them in action. About a dozen popping wheelies in the middle of Whitney Ave and stopping traffic. They then went though the park area. Called police but when dispatched, they could not find them.

- Mary Beth Decker NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

for safe streets

- Nicole Burman NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

My family and I live in Westville. Dirt bikers race up and down Central Ave-- every night, sometimes for hours at a time. In order to sleep, we have to keep the windows closed and run a fan even in winter. It is louder at night than it is in NYC!

- Michael Rush NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

The rampant illegal dirt bike riding in New Haven is a colossal annoyance - both the sound and the rage-inducing lack of respect for neighbors. However, it is the risk to pedestrians, drivers, and the dirt bikers themselves that makes it a necessity to strengthen the city's hand in addressing the problem and penalizing those responsible.

- Dan DErrico NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Non registered, driving on sidewalks, ruining parks,

- Kevin Martin NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Noise annoyance.

- Annette Charlevois NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Quality of life, noise, pollution, safety, respect for the law.

- Chris Heitmann NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

safety & quality of life

- Rufina Durazzo NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Safety for everyone

- John Jessen NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

because it's illegal. it's dangerous and someone is going to die - then we'll wish we did something sooner!

- Beth Ford NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

As a bike commuter, I believe that those of us who share the streets need to respect one another.

- Mary Ann Moran NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

The fabricate of our neighborhood in Fair Havern is being destroyed by 2 - 15 bikes riding on a daily basis in our neighborhood, all hours of the day and night. It is intolerable Mary Ann Moran

- Diane Casella NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Safer streets, safer kids

- Jessica Feinleib NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago

- o Liked 0

Safety!!!

- Gretchen Pritchard NEW HAVEN, CT
  - o 3 months ago
  - o Liked 0

Potentially lethal, fast, loud motor vehicles operated by underage untrained unlicensed drivers on and off roads is a public menace. Strengthen the law(s) so it can be definitively stopped.

- diane demir NEW HAVEN, CT
  - o 3 months ago
  - o Liked 0

i am a new haven resident and am tired of seeing and hearing these illegally operated vehicles everywhere

- william wilde SPRING HILL, FL
  - o 3 months ago
  - o Liked 0

My family lives right on the corner of this park and roadway

- Ginger Booth BRANFORD, CT
  - o 3 months ago
  - o Liked 0

Noise and threat.

- Beth Pellegrino NEW HAVEN, CT
  - o 3 months ago
  - o Liked 0

I have great confidence in our legislators to ensure the safety of those who

- Hunter Smith NEW HAVEN, CT
  - o 3 months ago
  - o Liked 0

Its dangerous, loud and obnoxious.

- David Hartman NEW HAVEN, CT
  - o 3 months ago
  - o Liked 0

I can't stand the thought of people getting hurt by one of these criminals

- Carol Petersen LANCASTER, PA
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Son is Yale staffer, living in East Rock neighborhood. I'd like him not to be killed! And I visit 2 - 3 times a year, walking there myself, and IT'S WORTH YOUR LIFE!!!!

- Daniel Moore NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Illegal is illegal. We have to start enforcing the law to have it respected. The drivers are usually underaged, careless and discourteous. Enough is enough.

- Patricia Hagan NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Illegal riding of dirt bikes and ATVs on city streets needs to be STOPPED!!!

- Danny Dolphin NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Tired of hearing these bikes all type of night. Really reckless rider.

- Daniel Greene NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Its dangerous to the riders and the innocent bystanders and it's incredibly noisy beyond reason...

- Amy Carroll-Scott NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

I am concerned for my children's safety. And New Haven residents deserve a good quality of life and to feel safe in their communities.

- Patrick Heenan NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

I've been cut off, driven around, and bothered by these dirt bikers for too long! Something needs to be done!

- Lina R WEST HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Safety and peace on the streets of New Haven and beyond.

- Sheridan Castro STAMFORD, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

My friend living in New Haven was harassed and robbed by a couple of teenagers on illegal dirt bikes while he was riding around town on his pedal bicycle. I'm signing this petition in support of his right to safety, and the right of all New Haven residents to live in safe and peaceful environment.

- anna m NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

These vehicles (dirt bikes, ATVs, 3 and four wheelers) terrorize my neighborhood, speeding and almost hitting children playing outside. They often come in packs of 20 or more holding up traffic while they run lights, stop signs and drive on both sides of the road.

- Liza Adelberg NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

I live on East Grand Avenue where they constantly ride up and down the street. It is LOUD, dangerous and illegal. I would be one happy resident to think that this wouldn't happen anymore!

- Michael Sembos NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

It's extremely dangerous.

- Leslie Radcliffe NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

The illegal riding of dirt bikes and ATVs in city streets puts not only the riders at risk, but automobile drivers, pedestrians and property. I have witnessed automobiles and trucks suddenly brake and veer into oncoming traffic trying to avoid hitting these riders. I have witnessed

caravans of 20-30 dirt bikes and ATV's, along with cars and motorcycles of others filming run stop lights, blow thru intersections and travel in lanes of oncoming traffic with no regard for for the life threatening situations they are causing. They even post their antics on Youtube (Look up New Haven Bike Life ... they even show their faces!!!) In July 2008 a 15 died in the streets of New Haven when the dirt bike he was riding collided with a van, and his friends beat the driver badly sending him to the hospital. This must stop.

- Lori Janke NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Because dirt bikes have the ability to drive on sidewalks and can reach high speeds, they constantly cause a source of fear among local residents...let alone the incredible noise they create. We should be able to enjoy our parks and sidewalks without fear. We should be able to count on quiet, peaceful evenings. Please support our pleas for changes in legislation.

- Tara Liptak SOUTHBURY, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

As a 10 year commuter to New Haven for work, I have encountered major disturbances from ATVs and dirt bikes on New Haven streets. The drivers of these vehicles are reckless and could care less about road traffic as they weave in and out of traffic at high speeds while completely ignoring the traffic laws. Please put a stop to this!!

- Ann Hurlbut NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Keep the streets safe for everyone. The city belongs to all of us.

- Adam Kubota BROOKLYN, NY
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

I felt threatened whenever I was walking around the streets of New Haven.

- Angela Hatley NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

I narrowly avoided being hit head on when an ATV illegally turned into the one way street that I was driving on. If he had of hit me I would have been stuck with the damage while he took off (providing I survived the collision).

- Erin DiFazio NEW HAVEN, CT

- 3 months ago
- Liked 0

These kids are not only risking their own lives, but they are putting the lives of our families and friends in danger with their reckless, illegal behavior. It cannot be tolerated!

- Judy Peluso NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

I hope this helps. Not only are they a danger to themselves & others, the terrible really affects the quality of our lives. It's also symptomatic of a deeper problem which is the lack of consideration for others. For the most part, kids are taught this by adults who think only of themselves & exhibit very little, if any, consideration for other people. Unfortunately, this cannot be legislated.

- Bonnie pena HOLIDAY, FL
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 1

I grew up in CT. The state has so much historical land sites we need to preserve them for our future children to be able to enjoy them and learn from them

- Uma Ramiah NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

We're hoping to move to Fair Haven next year, and would love to see something done about this for everyone's safety.

- Kevin Maher NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

I live right adjacent to FT Wooster park and am on the board of Friends of Ft Wooster. We are trying to restore this park to it's rightful historical significance. The ATV's and dirt bikes ruin the trails and are dangerous for the children and adults who use the park properly. We do not even have any signage to point to and are threatened regularly by the miscreants on these vehicles.

- Laura Brentner NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 1

It is a major disturbance of peace in our neighborhoods. It is also very dangerous both for innocent bystanders and the riders themselves.

- Steve Brown NEW HAVEN, CT

- 3 months ago
- Liked 1

You cannot reason with unreasonable people. This must be dealt with by force. Get rid of the bikes.

- Matt Lindeman NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 1

This problem is not unique to New Haven, but one that is gaining significant momentum in terms of organization and logistical support for this activity.

For a clearer understanding of what this looks like, enter a search for Bikelife New Haven in a site like Youtube. What you'll find is that these are kids. It's only a matter of time before another serious injury or fatality here in our neighborhoods.

New Haven has a great opportunity to take the lead as a progressive city on this issue with creative and effective policy and enforcement.

- Patrick Jones NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 1

I have had to jump off hiking trails in the East Rock area to dodge groups illegally riding on those trails as well as disturbed in my own home by the noise of these groups as they pass by on Orange St. It has to stop.

- Don Vincent NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

New Haven police do not currently have the laws necessary to address this in a sufficient manner. It has become a major quality of life issue, both in noise and in the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers of legal vehicles. I can't recall a local topic that has garnered so much anger and frustration among New Haven residents and that has led to so many people publicly voicing as much. The tension is palpable. Please consider any and all requests made by local authorities to address this widely shared concern amongst residents and police alike.

- Rachel Duncan NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 1

I've been harassed twice (once in my car, once while I was crossing the street) by folks on these dirt bikes. They go into parks, too, not only affecting the trails but endangering others there. We're ready to take action - help us do that.

- Charlotte Murphy NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 1

People have to be able to walk down their own street, and streets in their neighborhood, with safety.

- Anthony Pellegrino NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 1

As a cyclist i take safe streets very personal. These kids make everyday activities dangerous for everyone. Something more needs to be done!

- Steve Culpepper NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 2

Public safety, quality of life

- Sally Fleming NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Dirt bikes are unsafe to riders and other cars and pedestrians. They are noisy and detract from our neighborhood.

- Sue Ulintz Mosovich NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

These are dangerous vehicles being ridden in dangerous ways. I have personally seen ATVs doing wheelies through red lights in my neighborhood, and fear for not only the riders but all those around them.

- Andrew Yim NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 1

I need some peace and quiet for my sunday afternoon power nap!

- Nadine Herring NH, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 1

Tired of the near death experiences of having to deal with these kids speeding up and down my street and the noise and loitering that often accompany this illegal activity. It's just a matter of time before someone gets seriously hurt or killed, enough is enough!!!

- Courtney Cheng NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

Disturbs peace and dangerous for all people especially young kids.

- Paul Ferraro NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 1

This is a obvious matter of public safety.

- Libby Makela Johnson NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 1

This is important to me, because the ATV and dirt bike riders flagrantly disregard not only the safety of everyone in New Haven, including themselves, but also quality of life issues. I am tired of the noise at all hours, I am tired of them tearing up public parks, I am tired of their blatant disregard for all traffic laws, and I am tired of almost being hit or hitting them. This is not a "hobby"; this is not "clean fun." This is ILLEGAL, plain and simple.

- Joan Heenan NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

This is both a safety and quality of life issue that must be resolved.

- Donald Harvey NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 0

The behavior of just a few dirt bikers jeopardizes the safety of everyone on the street.

- Kathleen Galo NEW HAVEN, CT
  - 3 months ago
  - Liked 1

This change in legislation is crucial for putting a stop to this kind of brazen, dangerous, and disruptive behavior.

- David Coon NEW HAVEN, CT

- o 3 months ago
- o Liked 0

Remember Shepard Street?

I do.

- jin feiszli NEW HAVEN, CT
  - o 3 months ago
  - o Liked 0

my kids safety on the sidewalk and parks.

- Dana Ciccone NEW HAVEN, CT
  - o 3 months ago
  - o Liked 0

Because this is a risk to the safety of our children and a direct infringement to our right to quiet enjoyment of our homes and public spaces. Eliminate the "no chase" policy!!

- E Geertz NEW HAVEN, CT
  - o 3 months ago
  - o Liked 1

I am tired of feeling like a second class citizen when I walk peaceably around my neighborhood. The legal drivers who engage in illegal activity while driving are sufficiently awful (illegal turns; talking on phone while driving), but that the citizens of New Haven should have to tolerate these bikes, which have no legal right to be operated in the city, and which are a serious menace to us all, is completely galling. It is so infuriating, I'm writing ridiculously long sentences, even longer than I would normally write.

- David Hunter NEW HAVEN, CT
  - o 3 months ago
  - o Liked 0

This is a significant public safety issue and quality of life issue. It also allows youths of the inner city to feel empowered, while admittedly breaking the law.