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Legislative Executive Committee

Re: Off Highway Vehicle Task Force Request

With the sponsor-driven postponement of HB15-1329, concerning the Off-Highway Vehicle Taskforce, we respectfully request your immediate approval for establishing an interim committee in order to resolve the differences concerning the off-highway vehicle legislation. Specific issues that this interim committee would address:

- Safety issues
- Access issues
- Regulation necessary to operate off-highway vehicles on roads.

The prevalence of off-highway vehicles in rural areas has created significant issues that need attention. Citizens of other states—which grant licenses for off-highway vehicles on roads—are already using their off-highway vehicles in this manner within Colorado, but our own citizens are denied because we have not developed the proper legislation to address the situation. A committee could look at these issues and find a way for it to work in Colorado.

We would like the members of this committee to be appointed no later than 30 June 2015 and as such: the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House will each appoint two members, and the Minority Leaders of the House and Senate will each appoint one member. We would also like any interested parties to work with the committee to include but not limited to:

- Representatives from the Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee of the House of Representatives and the Senate
- The Colorado State Patrol
- County Commissioners nominated by an association of Colorado Counties
- Division of Parks and Wildlife
- Environmental Community
- Finance Committee of the House of Representatives
- An association of hunting outfitters
- An off-road recreation club or association
- Powersports dealers or a powersports dealer association
- The Colorado Sheriffs
- The Rural Municipalities

We would like the committee to meet up to six times in Denver and reserve the right to propose three legislative bills.

Thank you for your consideration.

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CC: Senator Bill Cadman, President of the Colorado Senate
Dickey Lee Hunllinghorst, Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives