



Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council
Conseil Canadien des Distributeurs de Véhicules Hors Route

February 19, 2007

The Honourable John Foran, M.L.A.

Minister of Public Safety
Argyle Place, P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB
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Re: *Bill 17 An Act to amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act*

Dear Minister:

The Canadian Off-Highway Vehicle Distributors Council (COHV), formerly CATV, will not support *Bill 17, An Act to amend the Off-Road Vehicle Act*, as it is currently drafted.

This Bill is not supported because Government has neither consulted nor adequately justified the legislation. This Bill would inappropriately deprive law abiding New Brunswickers of the use of their property, it would treat all off-road vehicles in the same way without a safety justification, and it would unfairly target law abiding citizens.

Having said this, the COHV is prepared to work with Government and all parties to develop solutions. The attached background brief was prepared to help facilitate this process to ensure safety, to avoid disruption to jobs and the economy, and to protect family businesses and a way of life in the Province.

In order to discuss this matter, we request a meeting with Cabinet as well as further formal consultations on this issue before it becomes law.

Sincerely,

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Director, Government Relations