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MN House Veterans and Military Affairs Division Minnesota House of Representatives Centennial Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155

Subject: Support for HF 1225 – Eliminating ATV Registration Fees for Veterans with a Total Service-Connected Disability

Dear Chair Bliss and Members of the House Veterans and Military Affairs Division:

On behalf of ATV Minnesota and our thousands of members across the state, I am writing to express our <u>strong support for HF 1225</u>, introduced by Representative Roger Skraba, which seeks to eliminate all-terrain vehicle (ATV) registration fees for veterans with a total service-connected disability.

Minnesota's veterans have made tremendous sacrifices in service to our country, and this bill is a small but meaningful way to honor and support them. Many veterans rely on outdoor recreation, including ATV riding, as a form of therapy, rehabilitation, and community engagement. By removing the registration fee burden for those with a total service-connected disability, we can make it easier for them to enjoy Minnesota's vast trail systems and outdoor spaces.

This bill matters to Minnesota veterans and outdoor enthusiasts for many of the following reasons:

- Increases Access to Outdoor Recreation Many disabled veterans use ATV riding as a way to stay active, connect with nature, and engage with fellow riders. Reducing financial barriers allows them to fully participate in a sport that provides both physical and mental health benefits.
- **Recognizes the Sacrifice of Our Veterans** Veterans with a total service-connected disability have already given so much. Waiving ATV registration fees is a way to show appreciation and acknowledge their contributions.
- Strengthens the ATV Community ATV Minnesota has long supported initiatives that make off-road recreation more accessible and inclusive. Encouraging veteran participation helps build a stronger and more connected outdoor recreation community across Minnesota.

Minnesota has a proud tradition of supporting its veterans, and HF 1225 is a commonsense measure that aligns with that commitment. ATV Minnesota urges the House Veterans and Military Affairs Division to pass this bill and help ensure that all veterans with service-connected disabilities can enjoy Minnesota's great outdoors without unnecessary financial barriers.



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Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate your dedication to Minnesota's veterans and look forward to working together to advance policies that support them.

Sincerely,

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