

HCR5022  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in favor of the HCR5022 Constitutional amendment to reduce property taxes on all-terrain vehicles. We own a Can-Am Defender UTV with dump bed for farming purposes. This UTV is used for tending to cattle, pasture maintenance, tree and windrow maintenance, as well as, fencing maintenance. We bought the UTV with a sales tax exemption, as we own 200 acres of pasture land in Rice County, however, we do not live in the County. We live within City limits, which requires us to have our UTV inspected and "tagged" to operate it on City owned streets. Our UTV is housed at one of our properties in the County, but we still need to drive it to "town" on City streets for supplies and maintenance, thus requiring us to have it "tagged" with the City. I feel like if a person owns farm land/pasture land and used the sales tax exemption - the UTV property tax should also be exempt, or at the least, reduced. I believe a UTV is designed with a dump bed for the purpose of farm use.

I filed a BOTA request for our UTV to be considered for exemption back in May 2023. I called in 3 times to be told it was still in review. Calling back again on 1-26-2024 I was told that the case was closed and the exemption was GRANTED. Upon receiving my letter, it stated that the case was DENIED. I called back on 1-29-24 and was told again that the system confirmed that the case was GRANTED, just to be told they had an error in the system and it was DENIED. I have since requested a reconsideration with pictures of the UTV along with an explanation as to why I thought it should be GRANTED.

I feel like UTV's used for farm purposes should be exempt under the Farm Machinery and Equipment exemption of personal property tax.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

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