

To: Senate Transportation Committee, Senator Mike Petersen, Chairperson

From: John Donley, Kansas Farm Bureau

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Re: SB 67- Expanding the definitions of all-terrain vehicles and recreational off-highway vehicles

Chairman Petersen and Members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to present written testimony on behalf of the Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) in support of SB 267. KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 30,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau Associations.

Kansas farmers and ranchers rely on many different types of motorized equipment in the day to day function of their operations. All-terrain vehicles and work site utility vehicles are good examples of the equipment used to perform many jobs on an agricultural operation. It is important that the state keeps the statutory definition of these types of vehicles up to date and in sync with the equipment that is being manufactured. We believe this bill does exactly that. The bill will increase the size and weight of all-terrain vehicles in the statutory definition. ATVs have gotten wider and heavier over the years. The extra width has made them much safer.

Simply put, SB 67 is a necessary bill to ensure that Kansas law matches up with the realities of the marketplace; therefore, KFB is fully supportive of SB 67 and encourages your support through the legislative process.

Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.