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Testimony in opposition of : LD 1439 in the way it is currently written
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Dear Senator Dill, Representative Landry, and Members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee.

RE: LD 1439 HP 1055

My name is Dale Tozier Jr, husband and father of a wonderful family residing in Bucksport, ME

I am opposed to the weight restriction as proposed in LD 1439 HP 1055. I understand the the reasoning for a limit on width and weight to preserve our trail system in our beautiful State Of Maine. The limit of a dry weight of 2,000 lbs is the part I am strongly opposed to. Many machines now are just under the 2,000 lbs from the manufacturer but that does not take into account other factors. When you look at just a few machines that are not affected by this restriction such as

* Artic Cat Prowler Pro crew with a machine weight of 1,993 lbs and a width of 63" add in the payload capacity of 1,500 lbs = 3493 lbs

* Polaris Ranger Crew 1,931 lbs a width of 62.5" and a payload of 1,730 lbs = 3,661 lbs

* Can Am Defender Max Xt 1,902.6 lbs a width of 64" and a payload of 1,750 lbs = 3,652.6 lbs

My family loves the outdoors and recently saved enough to purchase a new Polaris Pro Xp 4 seat UTV to spend more time together traveling the trails of Maine. Our machine is 2,020 lbs 64" wide with a payload of 900 lbs = 2,920 lbs. I understand that we will be grandfathered and are able to continue to register our machine for now. In a few years as our Children get older, we have have a plan to trade this machine and buy a couple of smaller machines. I would not be able to sell or trade my machine in Maine to anyone that wanted to be able to register it. There are many other machines that weigh far more than ours with addition of full enclosures, cargo, and other accessories.

I would ask that the committee please look at changing the 2,000 lb limit.

Sincerely,
Dale Tozier Jr & family