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Fred Ferguson  
Chief of Staff  
Rep. Chaffetz (UT-03)

Dear Fred,

I am writing a letter of support on behalf of Sharetrails/BlueRibbon for the Utah PLI which I understand is to be introduced next week.

As with any legislation that seeks to strike a balance between competing and very disparate interests there are some compromises here that many stakeholders (of every philosophical inclination) will find objectionable. Nonetheless we at Sharetrails/BlueRibbon find this bill to be generally as supportive as is probably possible of OHV interests and will therefore, at the request of local stakeholders with whom we work, support it.

One thing that I can support without reservation is the effort that went into crafting this bill. I believe that Rep. Chaffetz was correct when he stated during the PLI meeting a few months ago that this was at its core an effort to make Utah a better place. There just isn't a lot of political upside to this. I commend Rep. Chaffetz for his willingness to wade into such a contentious public issue for little apparent gain. Every once in a rare while something happens in politics that refreshes my faith in democracy. The Utah PLI is one of those things.

So "thank you" to you and everyone else who worked on this. We endorse the bill and are willing to help in any way that we may to move it forward.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Hackworth". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Martin Hackworth  
Executive Director,  
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