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Chairman Proehl and Members of the Kansas House Transportation Committee:
First and foremost, thanks for your quality public service and leadership for the State of Kansas. I am writing in **opposition to the passage of SB 73: All – Terrain Vehicles Definition**. The following is our rationale for opposition:

Deere's main concern is the **"blurring of the lines"** between what is considered an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and what would be a Utility Vehicle (UV). The legislation basically strikes from the ATV definition in the current Kansas Code: "having a seat designed to be straddled by the operator". That is one of the main distinctions between ATVs and UVs in Kansas Law as well as in most states. Deere would prefer that the law remains the same and **not** have this clause struck.

"Blurring of the Lines" Concern:

- ATVs have a longstanding negative public reputation when it comes to safety.
- This general perception has led to serious scrutiny by the Consumer Product Safety Council (CPSC) and companion agencies.
- It has also led to the CPSC forcing the ATV industry to agree to a Consent Order that puts a number of restrictions on the sale and use of ATVs.

- During the current effort by the CPSC to regulate UVs, the UV industry has gone to significant lengths to make sure that ATV accident data (and the ATV's reputation) has not been used to influence the proposed language. So far that effort has been very successful.
- At this point, the CPSC have indicated Utility Vehicles are much safer vehicles. Deere would like to keep that perspective going forward.

ATV & Utility Vehicle Differences:

- A Utility Vehicle (UV) is typically utilized as a work vehicle in agricultural and/or worksite (large cargo box and payload capacity) vs. primarily for recreation uses like ATVs.
- UVs are equipped with seat belts and Roll Over Protections (ROPS) and are far more stable machines (longer wheelbase, wider stance).
- Generally UVs have limited top speeds, depending upon the specific model.

Thanks for your consideration of John Deere's position on SB 73. Please advise if I can be of assistance to you going forward. Best wishes!

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