

March 20, 2012

The Honorable Rand Paul U.S. Senate 208 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Support for S. 2122

Dear Senator Paul:

The BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC), a national trail-based recreation group, submits this letter as a strong endorsement of Senate Bill 2122, *the Defense of Environment and Property Act of 2012*.

BRC shares your concern about EPA's misuse the 1972 Clean Water Act to extend their regulatory control over vast amounts of private and public lands by issuing new guidelines that would redefine the term "navigable waters."

Our membership uses street-legal and non-street legal OHVs on designated roads, trails, and areas. These route-based recreational opportunities on federal lands could be seriously impacted by the proposed rules as they relate to total maximum daily loads.

BRC encourages your efforts to address the unchecked expansion of EPA's regulatory powers over the public's right use federal lands in a responsible manner.

Sincerely,

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