



The Honorable John Boozman
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Boozman:

Save America's Working Vehicles represents the interests of farmers and ranchers who rely on off-road working vehicles to do their jobs. As the Senate considers ways to provide relief for agricultural communities across America through Farm Bill 2.0, we urge you to consider all the cost pressures that are affecting farmers and ranchers across the country. This includes the Section 232 steel derivative tariffs applied to the all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility task vehicles (UTVs) that farms and ranches depend on.

ATVs and UTVs have become everyday tools on American farms and ranches. They move livestock, haul feed, fencing, and tools, and reach the fencelines and orchard rows that pickup trucks and tractors cannot. A rancher checking cattle at first light or a grower running supplies is often relying on a UTV to do so. These are working assets, as essential to a modern operation as tractors and pickup trucks, and relieving the tariff pressure on them would put money back into the pockets of the farmers and ranchers who keep America fed.

Your committee, as well as the Administration, has already taken meaningful steps to support producers through a challenging stretch, and addressing equipment costs is a natural way to build on that work. Since April 2, ATVs and UTVs have faced tariffs of 15 to 25 percent on the full value of the vehicle, a measure which can add up to \$5,000 in cost per unit. Before April, these tariffs were only applied to the modest amount of steel content within the vehicles, which manufacturers could absorb.

These tariffs additionally raise the price of replacement parts, so a farmer or rancher looking to extend the life of their existing vehicle is also affected. An operation already stretching its budget and deferring maintenance has little room to absorb that kind of cost. Alleviating tariff pressure on the equipment producers use every day is one practical way to help them weather the current conditions within the agricultural economy and keep their operations moving.

This also impacts the rural communities that this bill is written to support. Fire departments rely on ATVs and UTVs as wildland firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical units to reach terrain that full-size apparatus cannot.¹ For a rural department working with a tight budget, a higher sticker price can mean fewer of those units in service.

Through your leadership, it is clear that you are working to give farmers the relief they need to continue serving as the backbone of America. This cost should not be overlooked. As you work to support farmers and ranchers through the Farm Bill 2.0 and other efforts, we urge you to encourage the Administration to fully and

¹ Alan M. Petrillo, UTV and ATV Units Being Equipped for Fire, Rescue, and EMS Duties, Fire Apparatus & Emergency Equipment (Mar. 1, 2019), <https://www.fireapparatusmagazine.com/fire-apparatus/utv-and-atv-units-being-equipped-for-fire-rescue-and-ems-duties/>

permanently eliminate Section 232 tariffs on ATVs and UTVs and the replacement parts that keep them in service. Motorcycles and e-bikes have already been granted relief from these tariffs. The working vehicles that farmers, ranchers, and front-line responders depend on every day have not.

Our coalition supports the Administration's trade agenda and its commitment to a strong domestic metals industry. Eliminating these tariffs on working vehicles leaves that protection in place while keeping the cost off the people who keep this country safe and fed. It is a commonsense, America First step.

Respectfully,
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