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I am writing to you today on behalf of the Canadian Veterans Off-Road Riders to express our concern around Bill 4 – The Biodiversity Act. Landowners in our beautiful province of Nova Scotia are afraid that this bill takes away their rights to manage their own land. We understand from private landowners in our province that the threat of big fines and lack of clear rules will force them to shut down public access to their land. That is a shame. Our Canadian Veterans Off-Road Riders group uses a lot of private land to ride ATV's, Side by Side, Dirt Bikes, and Jeeps with the landowner's permission as a form of therapeutic therapy for PTSD and Anxiety. The usage of these lands for off-road riding offers a way for veterans suffering with PTSD and Anxiety to relax and manage their trauma on the trails and provides the opportunity to connect with other veterans. Landowners have been great, they let us use their land as long as we don't leave a mess. Our fear is that Bill 4 will force our neighbours to restrict access to their land because this bill creates too big of a risk for them which in turn will remove our access to trails for PTSD and Anxiety therapeutic treatment.

Please stop this from becoming law so that we can continue to enjoy the land in our beautiful province. As a group land user, we strongly oppose Bill 4.

Feel free to contact us anytime to discuss our legitimate Bill 4 concerns.

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Shawn Beaulieu Founder

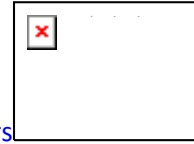
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