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Dear Yorktown Town Board,

As a Mohegan Lake resident, avid hiker and cyclist, member of the Board of Directors of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, and volunteer trail maintainer in Yorktown, I would like to express my opposition to the new proposed Yorktown **Unregistered Self-Propelled and Limited-Use Off-Road Vehicles Law**.

I would like to focus on the **Definitions** section of the Law as that sets the stage for the sections related to land and vehicle use, which are problematic because of unclear and inappropriate definitions.

1. **Town-owned Land** lumps parking lots, recreation areas, trails, and others in this one category when these different areas clearly get different kinds of use, and users have different expectations of the experience when using them. They will be impacted differently from the different types of vehicles listed in the definitions. For example, unpaved trails will be more susceptible to damage and erosion vs. paved or gravel areas.
2. **Unregistered self-propelled vehicle** lumps vehicles that have clear differences in speed and environmental and safety impacts which impact user experience differently. In addition, there are e-bikes that are not solely propelled by motor but also require human power to run.

I ask that the Yorktown Town Board review these definitions and take a more nuanced approach to regulating the use of different types of vehicles on the different types of Town-owned land.

Sincerely,

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