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|                                                                                                                                                       5/14//2020                       **Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association**Transportation Committee Chair and Ranking MemberChairman Peter Defazio                                 Ranking Member Sam Graves2165 Rayburn Building                                    2165 Rayburn BuildingWashington, DC 20515                                   Washington, DC 20515Honorable Chairman Defazio and Ranking Member Graves: The Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association would like to encourage your strong support for HR 5797. Formed in 1972 specifically to promote and preserve the sport of off-road motorcycling, we coordinate the work of countless volunteers and rely on partners and grant funds to keep our trails sustainable and well maintained. Currently, that fund, sometimes referred to as “Simms Act” funds in the Federal Highway Administration, is under threat. Even if funded/re-authorized at the current rate it does not come close to keeping up with the maintenance and equipment backlog associated with our trails on public land. This gas tax refund amount actually must be increased to more closely, more fairly and accurately, reflect the amount taxed from these Off-Highway recreationists at the pump. HR 5797 does that, if left intact. Congressman Welch of VT and Congressman Curtis of UT have co-sponsored this bill and we encourage you to help carry it through your committee. As you know, this re-authorization effort has a deadline of September 30th.  Non-motorized trail users like mountain bikers, hikers and equestrian enthusiasts join OHV users in need for the gas tax refund formula reset this bill contains. Please help Oregon’s, and the nation’s economy recover, grow and diversify with the help of the “Super Sector” that is outdoor recreation.Please support HR 5797, intact, through your committee and on the House floor, and thank you for your consideration of this important step forward. Barrett BrownBoard of DirectorsLegislative and Land Use Director,Oregon Motorcycle Riders Association503-647-6499 |
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