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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT MOTOR VEHICLES TDMV

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I do not believe that dune buggies, sand rails, and Volkswagen based "kit cars" should be outlawed. They have been produced and driven on the highways beside regular cars and motorcycles since the 1960's with no major problems. They are no less safe than motorcycles. The people with these cars have them as a hobby and a passion, and care about their own safety enough to design the cars accordingly. Many of them have more safety features than the original Volkswagen beetles. Even worse, I fear these laws will spread to other states and signal the end of a nationwide hobby, supported by a very large market of parts and services for these vehicles.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I suggest that if you are worried about safety issues for dune buggies and kit cars, you correct the issues without removing the vehicles from the road. For example, require seat belts. Require that these modified vehicles meet at minimum the safety standards of the original Volkswagen cars. Require a frame inspection to check welded areas before issuing registration. Work with the people to reasonably make the cars safer instead of outlawing the cars.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree