

Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to you to express my strong support for SB385.

In March 2016, I was on my street motorcycle and was rear ended while waiting at a red light at a major, busy intersection in Salem, behind two other cars. The driver who hit me was not paying attention and hit me at 25mph, throwing me into the vehicle in front of me. Even wearing a full faced helmet and fully padded jacket, I broke four ribs and severely disjointed my collarbone. Simply put, I am fortunate to be alive today.

If I was stopped at the front of the line at that intersection, I would have been thrown into traffic and the outcome could have been much worse.

I have been riding motorcycles off-road for 29 years for fun and in competitive events and on-road motorcycles for the past 10 years. This is the worst injury I have ever had, and would have been prevented if there was a law in place similar to California's, which would have allowed me to position my motorcycle in between parked vehicles at a stop light.

While SB385 does not currently allow me to position myself in between cars at a stop light, I completely support this bill because it will at least help protect vulnerable riders from being hit from behind by inattentive drivers on the highway during traffic jams.

My hope is that this passes, with additional language that provides for more protection for more vulnerable motorists in situations like I was in.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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