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Senator Jeff Kruse
900 Court St. NE, S-315
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support for Senate Bill 385

Dear Senator Kruse:

Founded in 1924, the AMA is the premier advocate of the motorcycling community. We represent the interests of millions of on- and off-highway motorcyclists. Our mission is to promote the motorcycling lifestyle and protect the future of motorcycling.

Motorcycle lane splitting, or filtering, is a common practice in many countries throughout the world. Long recognized as a way to both alleviate traffic congestion and reduce the risk of crashes for members of the riding community, the practice nevertheless remains underutilized in most of the United States, with California currently being the lone exception. Recent efforts to formally legalize and recognize the practice are under consideration in many states during the 2017 legislative session. These include not only Oregon but also Georgia, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Washington.

The AMA gives our full support to SB 385 and thanks you for your willingness to champion this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Haris', written in a cursive style.

Nicholas Haris
Western States Representative