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To Whom It May Concern:

I enthusiastically support and request your support of HB2314, to legalize motorcycle lane sharing in Oregon.

Motorcycles offer a unique and increasingly popular mode of transportation, and this bill could facilitate some of its best qualities. Congestion is a growing problem in Oregon's cities, and having one less vehicle stuck in traffic will aid the flow of traffic for all. I recently lived for over a year in Sydney, Australia, where I rode a motorcycle throughout this very large city and surrounding areas. The ability to lane-share in highway congestion, or move to the front of the line of stopped cars at a traffic light, significantly reduced my travel time and optimized the space available for each kind of vehicle on the road.

Additionally, motorcycles offer environmental benefits due to their great gas mileage (and causing less wear on roads). Adding lane-splitting benefits to motorcycle riding could shift more people into this mode of transport, which would help reduce the overall impact of motor vehicles on the environment - just as reducing congestion and overall idling time would due the same.

Please recognize the benefits of passing this bill are manifold, while there are no drawbacks except the same ones that motorcycle riders willingly take on every single day. Learning that there may well be SAFETY benefits for riders who lane split vs. ride in traffic is another huge win for this bill. Let's make it so!

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