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Hi there,

My name is Ryan. I received my motorcycle endorsement back in 2014. I commute very often on my motorcycle and I think HB2314 would make my commute safer and save everyone some time. This bill would essentially add 2 additional lanes to our highways. This will help with congestion and encourage more people to commute on motorcycles. This would help ease the congestion and help reduce green house gasses. At the same time this will help keep motorcyclists safer. I have personally used lane sharing in California and it does work very well. I had no issues getting used to the system and I felt much safer in general. This is essentially a cheap/free way to help our traffic issues. It seems silly not to support this.

I request that you support House Bill 2314 in favor of safe and legal lane sharing for scooters and motorcycles. Safe and legal lane filtering will reduce traffic congestion for everyone, reduce fuel consumption and greenhouse gases, and improve safety for motorcyclists.

By permitting scooters and motorcycles to filter through congested traffic, we permit those cars and trucks behind us to advance. Lane sharing creates new lanes on the freeways and highways without the expense and inconvenience of widening or rebuilding the roads.

Some ask if lane splitting is dangerous. Everything we do is dangerous. Driving is dangerous. Bicycling is dangerous. Skiing, snowboarding, and hot-tubing are dangerous. Celebrating the Fourth of July is dangerous. Going to the shopping mall, going to school, and going to church are dangerous. We can't eliminate danger, but we can reduce it.

Although lane sharing increases the risk of a sideswipe incident, it reduces the risks of rear-ender crashes. A motorcyclist can avoid a sideswipe incident more easily than a rear-ender. A sideswipe incident is typically less damaging to vehicles, and less injurious to drivers, passengers, and riders.

There will be some who believe that lane filtering allows motorcyclists to cheat their way through traffic, and that it isn't fair. Life isn't fair. It isn't fair that rich people get to live in big houses. It isn't fair that some people get to drive a car to work, while others take the bus. It isn't fair that some people don't pay for parking while others do. Many others will see scooters and motorcycles making progress through traffic jams, and consider riding the motorcycle to work and leaving the car at home, removing a car from the traffic mix.

We have a way to reduce traffic congestion and fuel consumption, and improve safety, and it is sitting there in front of us. Please support HB2314.

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