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To whom it may concern,

I respectfully request your support of HB2314.

My reasons for supporting this bill is twofold: 1) traffic congestion and, 2) personal safety.

The "easy" Portland commute is a thing of the past. Some say you used to be able to drive across town in less than an hour. This has become the fever dream of natives and the crust punks hanging out on the riverfront park. I am sure you still see this statistic dozens of times today, but a 2012 Belgian traffic engineering study concluded that if 10% of all drivers rode motorcycles and lane shared, traffic delay times for all motorists would be reduced by 40%. That's..a lot. And even if we only gain *half* of that, it's *free* reduced congestion. Not often you can address one of your citizenry's major concerns with their city for *free*.

What if city congestion is not your problem...how about staying alive? I have no doubt that you will see a series of horrific details about what it's like to be rear-ended by a car or truck while on a bike. As a regular rider, this is horrifying. We do all we can do stay safe, but cannot always account for distracted drivers. Lane filtering keeps us safe while helping traffic congestion.

One final point is that *literally* the rest of the world allows or endorses lane filtering for 2 wheel vehicles. It just makes sense. As we are all working to position Oregon as a world leader in tech, agriculture and being the coolest place on the planet, this is a natural step up to be in place with the rest of the world.

Thank you,

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