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To: [JCT Exhibits](#)
Subject: Writing in support of HB2314
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Dear Joint Transportation Committee,
I write to add my voice to the support for HB2314.

I'm a mechanical engineer and motorcyclist from Portland who commutes to Wilsonville and suffers the woes of I-5 and I-205 every day. I do not commute on a motorcycle because of the special safety issues and discomfort that come with being on a motorcycle in stop-and-go traffic. If HB2314 goes forward, on many days I would be one less car jamming up the highways.

I can understand reticence for passing a bill allowing motorcycle lane sharing. I know that the benefits (reduced congestion, increased safety for motorcyclists, etc.) won't be immediately obvious to the general population. At first, drivers will likely have the feeling of watching someone get ahead of them in traffic without the realization that there's a benefit in there being one less car in front of them to wait for. I can understand that not being the most popular legislation to attach your name to.

Regarding perceptions, I also understand that not all motorcyclists are civil in traffic. I remember before the normalization of bicycling that came with significant bicycle infrastructure in Portland, a much higher percentage of cyclists were lawless and uncivil. As we've made legal and infrastructure accommodations for cycling, I think most of us would agree that the interactions between cyclists and cars had improved remarkably. I would expect a similar transition for motorcyclists if their presence in traffic was more normalized.

I encourage the JTC to consider that good legislation isn't always catering to the clamor, and that the role of good governors sometimes means knowing what's best for the population as a whole. Traffic in Portland will only become worse, and HB2314 offers a degree of reprieve that much of the rest of the world takes advantage of.

Thank you for your consideration,

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