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As the Harley-Davidson dealer in Portland for the last 26 years, I would appreciate your support of HB 2314. This bill would further the use of motorcycles and freeway legal motor scooters as alternative means of transportation. As everyone is painfully aware, traffic congestion, especially during peak hours, is a major problem in Portland. Many motorcycle owners do not use their motorcycles for primary transportation because they simply do not want to be caught in traffic congestion during summer when temperatures sometimes reach 90 to 100 degrees! I have personally been on my motorcycle on the I-205 bridge during rush hour traffic in brutal summer heat. Traffic was "stop and go" for many miles. The much more pleasant alternative is to use personal automobiles which adds to the congestion problem.

Allowing lane sharing as proposed in HB 2314 would encourage people to use motorcycles and freeway legal scooters as primary means of transportation. Use of such two-wheeled vehicles would over time reduce traffic congestion and also reduce parking requirements for cars and trucks. Other states, most notably California, allow lane sharing and have done so for a good period of time. The 50 plus employees of Latus Motors Harley-Davidson and Triumph would appreciate your support of HB 2314.

Regards,

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