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I am in support of SB 422 for many reasons. This Bill had partisan support in both the Oregon House and Senate, which is rare in today's political climate. It is favorably accepted by the people of Oregon and was vetoed last year by the former Governor who has no idea about 2 wheeled motor vehicles and the dangers imposed by leaving motorcyclists stuck in traditional lanes of traffic. My brother was impacted by the inability to lane filter when he was rear ended on his motorcycle by a distracted motorist which left him with lifelong injuries that he will suffer from. The motorcycle community continues to see increased motor vehicle accidents with passenger vehicles without the ability for motorcyclists to protect themselves for careless and distracted drivers. I have daily occurrences where motor vehicle operators fail to follow Oregon driving laws which create additional hazards for me to negotiate. Pass this Bill to ensure motorcyclists have a legal option to protect themselves and their property by allowing lane filtering and the ability for motorcyclists to choose whether or not they want to engage in this practice.

Thank you.