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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB422

Both my wife and I have been riding motorcycles for over a decade and I am asking you to support SB 422, as well as consider expanding it to include lane filtering at traffic lights on major highways and roads.

Portland was ranked as the 12th worst city in the US for traffic congestion in 2022, and 37th worst in the world (991 cities were included) in a study done by INRIX. The problem of traffic congestion cannot be solved fast enough by constructing wider roads, nor is that in the states budget. Allowing for lane splitting under the conditions listed in SB422 will help to reduce congestion with little to no cost to the state, and it will incentivize more commuters to ride to work on their motorcycles instead of their cars/trucks. This will reduce fuel consumption, emissions, and traffic which will benefit all Oregonians - not just those that ride motorcycles.