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As a motorcyclist, I strongly believe that lane splitting should be legal. Not only is it a convenient way to navigate through traffic, but it is also a safe practice when done correctly.

Firstly, lane splitting allows me to avoid sitting in traffic for extended periods, which can be both frustrating and dangerous. Sitting in traffic can increase my chances of being involved in a collision due to the lack of space and visibility. Lane splitting enables me to move past stopped or slow-moving cars, which reduces my exposure to potential hazards.

Moreover, when done safely, lane splitting can actually reduce the risk of accidents. When traffic is slow or at a standstill, vehicles are often very close together, making it difficult for drivers to react quickly to unexpected situations. Motorcycles, on the other hand, are much more maneuverable and can quickly navigate through tight spaces. This allows us to stay clear of potential accidents that might occur due to sudden lane changes, rear-end collisions, or other road hazards.

Additionally, lane splitting can help alleviate congestion on the roads, reducing the overall amount of time spent on commutes. This, in turn, can reduce air pollution and save on fuel costs, benefiting not only motorcyclists but also other drivers on the road.

Of course, it's important to note that lane splitting should only be done when it's safe to do so, and riders should always be aware of their surroundings and the behavior of other drivers on the road. However, with proper education and training, motorcyclists can safely and responsibly use lane splitting as a means of transportation.

In conclusion, legalizing lane splitting would not only benefit motorcyclists but also help to reduce congestion and promote safer driving practices. I strongly advocate for the legalization of lane splitting and believe it can be done in a way that is both safe and effective for all road users.