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Like most motorcyclists, I've lost friends to careless drivers. I've had multiple friends dangerously rear-ended at intersections. While I worry about the consequences of lane splitting and filtering, I KNOW the dangers of not doing those things. Lane splitting solves traffic issues in urban settings, and filtering is even better at alleviating traffic congestion. Moreover, filtering and lane splitting are used nearly everywhere else in the world, so the argument that it's not safe is confusing at best, untrue at worst.

Ultimately, it's not about motorcyclists getting a unique benefit/right; it's about motorcyclists being able to put themselves in safe situations where today they cannot. By the way, at least one of my friends who was rear-ended was on I5, so it's not just an urban issue.