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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
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Dear Policy Makers,

I am writing to you today to express the importance of allowing and encouraging motorcycle lane splitting and lane filtering on our roads. These practices have been shown to have numerous benefits that not only improve the safety of motorcyclists, but also reduce traffic congestion and increase overall efficiency of our transportation system.

First and foremost, lane splitting and lane filtering allow motorcyclists to safely maneuver through slow or stopped traffic, which reduces the risk of rear-end collisions and other accidents. This is particularly important for motorcyclists who are more vulnerable on the road and are at a higher risk of injury or death in the event of an accident. Studies have shown that countries and states where lane splitting is legal have lower rates of motorcycle accidents.

In addition to safety benefits, lane splitting and filtering also have positive impacts on traffic flow. When motorcyclists are able to move through traffic quickly, they reduce the number of vehicles on the road, which can help alleviate traffic congestion. This is especially important in cities with high traffic volume, where congestion can cause significant delays and economic losses.

Furthermore, lane splitting and filtering can also reduce the carbon footprint of our transportation system. Motorcycles are more fuel efficient than cars and can produce fewer emissions, making them a more environmentally friendly mode of transportation. By allowing and encouraging motorcycle use, we can reduce overall emissions and contribute to a cleaner environment.

It is important to note that lane splitting and filtering is a common practice in many other countries and has been proven to be safe and effective. In fact, many states in the United States have already legalized these practices and have seen positive results.

Therefore, I urge you to consider the benefits of lane splitting and filtering and to take action to legalize and encourage these practices on our roads. By doing so, we can improve the safety of motorcyclists, reduce traffic congestion, and promote a more environmentally friendly transportation system.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,  
Jake Skirving