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As someone who has been riding motorcycles for many years, I strongly believe that lane filtering and lane splitting are essential for safe and efficient riding in slow traffic situations. When traffic is moving at a crawl, motorcycles have the ability to move through the lanes of stopped or slow-moving cars, which can help to prevent overheating and other issues caused by prolonged idling.

Lane filtering also allows motorcyclists to position themselves in the safest lane for their destination, such as the left lane for a left-hand turn, without having to weave in and out of traffic or make sudden lane changes. This can greatly reduce the risk of accidents and improve traffic flow for everyone.

Lane splitting, which is when a motorcycle moves between lanes of cars that are moving slowly or stopped, can also be a safer and more efficient way to navigate traffic. When done correctly and at a safe speed, lane splitting can reduce the risk of rear-end collisions caused by cars not seeing motorcycles behind them. It can also help to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow by allowing motorcycles to move to the front of the line at traffic lights and other intersections.

Overall, I believe that the benefits of lane filtering and lane splitting far outweigh any potential risks. These practices are already legal in many other countries and have been shown to improve safety and traffic flow. It is time for us to embrace these practices and make them legal and accepted here in the United States.