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We must allow lane splitting in the state of Oregon, it is a matter of life or death for riders in rush hour traffic. As an I5 commuter myself, I do not ride to work during the week considering how badly the traffic gets backed up. I know from first hand experience the most dangerous thing for a motorcyclist is a distracted driver coming at you from the rear. We must allow our motorcycle riding citizens to lane split to avoid stop and go death. If this is allowed to become law, so many people would join me in riding to work that I believe the impact on traffic would actually reduce congestion. We have to recognize that motorcycles are not cars and therefore give them all the options to stay safe during congestion. Safer riding conditions due to lane splitting will encourage the riding of motorcycles, which in turn will reduce our car dependence and make for a greener earth.