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Subject: Please vote YES on HB2314
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Dear committee members,

I respectfully urge you to vote YES on HB2314. There are several reasons I feel strongly about this bill:

1. Provides a safer place for 2 wheeled vehicles to position themselves during periods of heavy traffic. Being hit from behind is one of the worst fears of a motorcycle rider, especially in times of heavy stop and go traffic.
2. Reduces congestion as 2 wheelers can filter through and not waste valuable lane space.
3. Reduced emissions since 2 wheelers can keep moving and waste less time/energy sitting idle.
4. Supports the ongoing increased density of Portland. As density increases, we're going to have to offer more transportation options, have an open mind, and be creative with solutions to help people get places safely and efficiently.
5. Provides increased equity for 2 wheelers. Portland is a model for transportation access and equity in terms of public transportation and bicycle transportation. This bill extends increased access and equity to motorcyclists. As motorcyclists, we feel that we're supporting our city and environment by driving a fuel efficient vehicle, reducing our footprint, supporting the increase in density, and generally taking up the least amount of space possible for a motorized vehicle. As the city grows, and space is scarce, we can't all continue to commute in SUVs and other large cars. People will be forced to consider alternative transportation. Motorcyclists feel that motorcycles are an honest alternative, since they take up much less space on the road, are highly fuel efficient, and you can park 4 to 6 motorcycles for every 1 space a car takes.

In conclusion, please consider voting YES on HB2314. While the committee may have concerns about the risks, motorcyclists have already considered the risks and have concluded that lane sharing/splitting is safer than the current policy. Furthermore, inclusive legislation like this supports alternative transportation models which ultimately reduces emissions and fosters increased density.

Sincerely,

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