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Esteemed representatives;

I write to you in the most earnest support of HB2314.

I'm a native Oregonian with 30 years in the seat of a motorcycle and more to come. Our fair state is a wonderful place to live and work, and while it has some room for improvement, I still feel that it is the best place to live, work, and raise a family. We are the absolute epitome of a green state. First to push recycling in the 70s, building a strong transit system in the greater Portland area, and pushing for solar progress are 3 reasons for which I'm most proud to call myself Oregonian. All these things are strong drivers of quality of life, both economically and environmentally.

In fact our quality of life is such that that our roads are quickly becoming badly overcrowded.

During a brief (7years) stint living in the Bay Area, i had the opportunity to witness and participate firsthand in lane sharing between motorcycles and cars/trucks. Done properly, it is a powerful environmentally friendly tool. Motorcycles that move through traffic allow cars to advance, easing the congestion. Those who choose to ride become a part of the solution, reducing the vehicle density during peak periods. Motorcycles get through, consume much less fuel, and generate much less pollution. Cars move a little faster, burn a little less fuel, and get to their destination a little sooner.

Auto drivers who see motorcycles filter through will, in some cases, consider leaving the car at home for their single driver commute, and remove themselves from the problem side of the equation and contribute to a solution, improving the congestion further.

There is also a strong safety component which is perhaps not so obvious to those who don't ride. Speaking from direct personal perspective, I would far rather lane share and risk a minor side swipe collision with a vehicle nearly at my same speed, to getting crushed between 2 4,000 lb virtual rolling anvils in a rear end collision. In today's distracted driving environment this is a serious concern. I can wear proper clothing to protect myself from road abrasions and a hard landing. There is little I can do about the latter scenario.

I urge you to give your attention and support to this important bill. It is a good start in setting Oregon on a course to relieving some congestion on the roads, and and in enhancing rider safety.

Best Regards,  
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