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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to you in hopes that you will find HB2314 worthy of your support. I fully endorse the bill, and I would encourage you to do the same.

Here's why...

I've been a Portland resident for over 10 years, and, in that time, I've seen traffic conditions worsen drastically on our roadways. The Pacific Northwest is an increasingly popular destination amongst young adults and families, and anyone who commutes regularly can attest to the fact that our roadways & infrastructure are already beyond capacity.

Living in a region that is forward-thinking & environmentally conscious (i.e. turning off vehicle engines while idling at railroad crossings), it only makes sense that we'd endorse motorcycle lane sharing. It would certainly decrease pollution created by stop & go traffic, and it'd also aid with our increasing roadway congestion issues.

I think it's safe to assume that the general public's main concern with lane sharing is safety, which is fully understandable. In fact, as an avid motorcycle rider myself, I was a little intimidated by the concept when I was first learning about it. However, I think it's important to note that many of these concerns can be attributed to a lack of knowledge about the law's parameters.

Once I learned about *when* and *how* motorcyclists can utilize lane sharing, it made perfect sense. Lane sharing is not going to happen on all roadways (exclusive to freeways & highways), and riders can only go a max of 20mph when doing so! It's also important to note that lane sharing isn't a mandatory practice amongst riders. Just as they should have learned during their endorsement training classes, all motorcycle riders should be alert, make sure to ride within their abilities, and ride according to road & traffic conditions. If they don't feel comfortable sharing lanes under any circumstance, they don't have to! That being said, when done safely and under the right conditions, lane sharing should be no more dangerous than any other type of legal motorcycle riding on our roadways.

Please take your time to consider the advantages of this proposed bill. Again, I believe it is fully worthy of endorsement and would be a welcome practice on our roadways.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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