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Dear Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

I am a resident of Portland for the last 21 years and a motorcyclist for the last 31 years. I strongly urge you to Please vote **YES** on **HB2314**. The fact that your citizens have been requesting you to pass this bill for so long is a testimony in itself in its validity and need for this wonderful community.

You voting **YES** on **HB 2314** will save lives and make it safer for motorcyclists. It will prevent accidents before they happen.

You voting **YES** on **HB 2314** reduce congestion for all commuters.

You voting **YES** on **HB 2314** will eventually make for a more aware and attentive commuter population. This will make it safer for all commuters and not just motorcyclists.

You voting **YES** on **HB2314** will save the state money in the long run by reducing the costs associated with accidents: Less accidents = Less cleanup and traffic blockages.

You voting **YES** on **HB 2314** will also encourage a greener transportation option, which is better for our community.

You voting **YES** on **HB 2314** makes a lot of people Happier, because they feel safer and ARE safer.

As motorcyclists, most of us know that the safest path in a situation of a potential rear end collision, is the parallel path between the two cars ahead of us. This creates a safe bubble for the rider. Sharing the lane according to the rules you provide, makes the traffic flow smoother in our rapidly growing cities. Being in the space between two cars actually puts the motorcyclist in the path of the rear view mirror of both cars and semi trucks, rather than in the next lane, which many times puts us in the Blind spot of these vehicles.

While you say **YES** on **HB2314**, let us together bring awareness to this concept of lane sharing and educate the public by having billboards and stickers similar to the one below.



Thank you for your time and I sincerely hope HB2314 will be approved.

Regards,

Naveen Mundanda.