



June 20, 2016

The Honorable Ricardo Lara
 Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
 State Capitol, Room 5050
 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 51 (Quirk) Motorcycles: lane splitting - Support

Dear Senator Lara:

On behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA), the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs (AOCDS), the Long Beach Police Officers Association (LBPOA), and the Sacramento County Deputy Sheriffs' Association (SCDSA), we strongly support AB 51 (Quirk), which defines "lane splitting" and authorizes the California Highway Patrol to develop educational guidelines related to lane splitting.

Currently, California law is silent on lane splitting and although it is legal, there are no guidelines or safety standards to guide drivers on how to safely maneuver motorcycles when lane splitting. Recognizing this gap and a need for education, the California Highway Patrol (CHP), with the help of a diverse set of stakeholders, drafted a set of guidelines and posted them on CHP's website. However, a discrepancy as to whether or not these guidelines were underground regulations forced CHP to pull the guidelines from its websites. As a result, CHP had to curtail all education and outreach efforts on lane splitting. We are supportive of CHP's efforts to educate the public on appropriately and safely splitting lanes, which will keep our roads more safe.

For these reasons, we are in support of AB 51. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our lobbyist, Shane LaVigne of Capitol Advocacy, at 916-444-0400.

Sincerely,

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