

Dear Honorable Oregon Lawmakers,

I have been riding and commuting by motorcycle year-round for several years and have noticed that safety has become another issue for motorcyclists: there are hardly any laws in our favor for safety. Making the argument that this is a dangerous law is frivolous. See the research for yourself. There's no harm in it but it certainly gets out of between cars in traffic. It would prevent rear end collisions and free up busy traffic. Gets us out of the heat. If your argument is that of abuse or that some would abuse the law then that's also a frivolous argument. Making that argument could be used against virtually any law. If people are abusing laws and rules everyday. Seeing how the entire rest of the world allows motorcycles to do this in the first place shows me that the US is keeping archaic standards with laws. Allow lane filtering like the rest of the world. Even the French government believed the increase in motorcycle accidents were a means to justify stopping them from splitting. It doesn't. Thousands of motorcyclists showed up in protest understanding that lane filtering isn't the cause of accidents. It's enforcement of current laws. While we're at it, start funding the police better to get rid of aggressive drivers, riders and pedestrians. Start enforcing the hundreds of laws already set in place. Get rid of bad drivers and riders.

You have passed dozens of laws for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Pass a few laws for us now.

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