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To: Joint Transportation Committee

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Subj.: SB 574

Dear Representatives and Senators of the Joint Transportation Committee,

Thank you for your time. I do want to encourage you to vote in favor of SB 574, the Motorcycle Lane Sharing Bill. There are several advantages with motorcycles being able to share lanes on busy highways. First, there is the safety aspect. Lane sharing removes the possibility of a motorcycle being rear-ended on a busy highway. Secondly, there is an environmental aspect in that a passenger vehicle is removed and replaced with a motorcycle, which means less pollution. And thirdly, there is less traffic on the road. Removing a vehicle enables another vehicle to take its place. With more motorcycles lane sharing, more vehicles can fill into the highway.

Lastly, on a hot day with motorcycle gear on, it can be uncomfortably warm on a motorcycle. Just the slightest movement helps quite a bit. Movement helps with the rider being able to cool down just a bit, and it helps the motorcycle engine stay a bit cooler, too. Long idle times whether the weather is hot or cool is not good for a motorcycle engine.

Twenty miles per hour is School Zone Speed.

I hope you consider all these advantages.

Respectfully yours,

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