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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for reaching out to me and for engaging with your state government's legislative process. I am grateful for the opportunity to offer my endorsement of the proposal to legalize lane filtering for motorcyclists. As a long-time rider myself who has been rear-ended on multiple occasions, I was inspired to sponsor House Bill 149, that I believe resulted in a good, common sense policy that has directly reduced the rate of motorcyclist accidents and made our roads safer for all citizens.

In 2019, working in collaboration with the Utah Department of Public Safety, the Utah State Legislature passed legislation that allowed for lane filtering by motorcyclists under certain prescribed traffic conditions. In 2018, our state saw 28 fatalities involving motorcyclists on such roads. With the lane filtering policy in place, that total dropped to 18 fatalities in 2019, and fell further in 2020 with only 8 fatalities reported by the Utah Department of Transportation.

It is clear that the data supports my belief that lane filtering makes roads safer for motorcyclists. I hope more states will consider enacting similar legislation. I know this is good public policy that protects citizens and reduces road fatalities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walt Brooks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Representative Walt Brooks
Utah 75th House District