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I have had my motorcycle license and ridden since I was 16, and am 29 now. In those 13 years I have ridden approximately 120,000 miles on five different motorcycles, mostly along the west coast, but also on longer trips to the east coast. The majority of that riding, however, has been within 60 miles of home here in Oregon. I've commuted to work, to school, to friends and family, in the rain and snow and scorching sun and am fully aware of how congested our roadways have become over this time. I've done my best to avoid heavy traffic on freeways, but inevitably we all encounter it, motorcycle or not. The passing of this bill would directly benefit everyone when these situations arise as those who would normally be taking up the space of a full sized road vehicle are now on a much smaller one, and they will be able to slowly move forward through traffic, leaving the affected areas more quickly and reducing overall congestion. You get both a direct and indirect benefit in the scenario where there is stop-and-go traffic for a bill that doesn't negatively effect others on the road. And while it may be a small percentage of the population who rides, that doesn't change the fact that it still has a net positive result for everyone. I've always ridden fairly large motorcycles, and am a very defensive driver. These slow speeds are the only time where I'd even be interested in riding this way, but the benefits are there for myself, other riders, and the drivers of standard road vehicles. It's also worth mentioning that allowing motorcycles to continue moving forward during these slowdowns is extremely helpful in summer months, where heat stroke can become a real concern. A simple breeze from idling along at even 5mph is enough to make those times more bearable.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this and hope you'll vote to approve this bill.

Thank you.