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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB422

I am a Portland resident of over 30 years.

In my earlier life, I was a delivery driver for 8 years - right here in Portland.

I am very well acquainted with the intricacies of our traffic systems & traffic flow parameters throughout the course of the day & night.

I began riding motorbikes in 1994, right here in this city.

Motorbikes continue to be the right tool for the job of living & commuting in/out/around/beyond the city.

I can verify through my lived experience & ongoing camaraderie with other riders that motorbikes remain the most efficient, cost effective means of traversing our city's (and surrounding suburbs) landscape at every time of day; year round.

Yes; I've ridden in the snow. We can do that here.

Motorbikes give people with lesser means more autonomy over how they use the hours of their day = more personal freedom, independence, time use efficiency in their days, and as a result; better mental health.

Cars & public transit; not so much. For a person who lives fairly central to town, it's not even close; really.

Visibility like this stands to make us all safer.

I support this bill.

You should too.