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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure: SB422

As an avid rider with 32 years of riding experience, including 20 years living in California where I became well versed in the practice of lane splitting, I am advocating wholeheartedly for the passage and implementation of SB422. In fact, I would recommend going even further to allow lane splitting to be permitted while surrounding traffic is moving up 35 mph. This practice is proven to be effective in reducing the rider's exceptionally high risk of being hit in stop and go traffic, and as long as lane splitting is done safely by the rider, and it is respected by other motorists on the road, this is a simple strategy that demonstrably benefits ALL motorists by reducing both traffic congestion, as well as the ensuing increased potential for collisions that it creates. Yes, an extensive public education campaign would be necessary if SB422 passes, both for riders and for drivers, but this is no reason to deny the importance of passing this legislation, along with the benefits that it would provide to the driving public as a whole. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter in greater detail to any legislators or staff who would be interested. Thank you for your consideration and I thank all the elected officials in advance who are willing to lend their support and give their votes to this bill that will help bring Oregon's motor vehicle laws into the 21st century.