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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB422

As a motorist who spends a good deal time on the Oregon roads in an automobile & also a motorcycle, I believe SB 422 would help to reduce the traffic congestion issues in the larger cities in Oregon (that only continue to get worse).

The way SB 422 is drafted allows a very safe means for drivers of a motorcycle or moped to share the lane and decrease congestion (as well as allow safer passage of the rider due to lower risk of being rear ended in stop-and-go traffic). The bill states that traffic must be moving 10 mph or less, and that the motorcyclists may only "filter" at a speed 10 mph greater than the speed of traffic. This is a prudent and safe way to filter in traffic.

In addition to my combined 10 years residence in Oregon, I have also recently spent 4 years living in San Diego, CA where lane sharing is legal and endorsed by the California Highway Patrol. I have experienced first-hand the benefits of lane sharing - It does help to relieve traffic congestion. I felt much safer on the highways there being able to lane share. I was able to help relieve traffic and also not be a "sitting duck" in bumper-to-bumper traffic waiting to get rear ended by a car not paying attention to traffic in front of them. This is a very real threat to motorcycle riders and this bill would help to save the lives of motorcyclists.

The support of SB 422 is a great step to help relieve traffic congestion on Oregon roads!

Thanks for your time and I hope you can vote YES on SB 422.

Regards,
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