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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB422

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am an avid motorcycle rider in the PNW. Motorcycles are a great recreation and form of transportation but, as we all know, carry more risk of injury in a crash than that of a car. This is why Oregon needs SB422, to make our streets safer for motorcyclists. I know many riders that have been rear ended simply sitting in traffic. If we can allow them to filter through stopped or slow traffic there would be less serious injury and congestion caused by motorcycle crashes. We currently allow bicycles to do this at stop signs and red lights because we know that it is safer than sitting in traffic. So why not motorcycles? SB422 has the structures in place to limit the speed and parameters of lane sharing. There are clear rules that law enforcement can follow and a heightened penalty for breaking them. This is not a "getting passed on the highway at 80mph in between lanes" bill. This is an understanding that motorcycles have different risk factors in traffic congestion than cars do. I think that SB422 will encourage more motorcyclists to ride their bikes knowing they won't be stuck in traffic, thus taking cars off the road and lessening congestion. This bill is a step in the right direction and a great way to show that you care about the safety of Oregon motorcyclists.