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Hello,

I'd just like to submit a brief message of support for this bill. It's faced numerous difficulties in the past and as a motorcyclist in Oregon, this is something I deeply desire to be made into law. There are several studies focusing on safety from European countries, and here is a link from a California study <https://www.ots.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/67/2019/06/Motorcycle-Lane-Splitting-and-Safety-2015.pdf> which I am including as it is geographically and culturally more similar. Generally speaking, I feel safer lane splitting as I am less vulnerable to cars in traffic not paying attention, resulting in a rear end collision and the driver crushing me in between the stopped car in front of me. In addition to the safety stand point, but still beneficial is the reduced car traffic for other motorists and the reduced wear on mine, and others, motorcycles. Simply put, the safety benefit is the reason I support this bill but if drivers need further motivation to allow something not evidently beneficial to themselves, it has been studied that the more motorcycles that are on the road, the better the traffic for the cars.

Thank you,

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