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To the Joint Committee On Transportation, My name is Jared Pero. Greetings to you from a very experienced urban motorcyclist.

I have been riding a motorcycle on Oregon Roads for 43 years in all conditions for recreation and for commuting to and from work. Being a Journeyman Electrician I have traveled on our highways and byways in the Portland / Tri County area for thousands of miles during commuting hours. I must have witnessed every kind of driving error there has ever been. Luckily I have only had one crash in all this time. It was a car driver that hit my wife's motorcycle and her motorcycle slid into mine, I saw it all in my rear view mirror. The whole incident took seconds. Luckily we both survived with minimal damage, thanks to our diligent policy of wearing ALL of our gear ALL the time (ATGAT) the proper riding armored clothes. The car driver said he never saw her until she went up on his hood after he hit her motorcycle at full speed knocking it away. The road conditions were clear and dry, This happened around nine AM on a lovely Sunday morning on the Banfield hwy with no cars to our front and only his car near behind us.

I'm sharing this with you hoping you will look at this important bill with the safety of thousands of motorcyclists that are on our highways. Passing this bill will give motorcyclists another tool and means to move more safely through traffic especially in these times when we see so many vehicle operators being distracted by mobile devices as they drive on our congested roads and freeways.