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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: SB422

Dear Co-Chair Frederick, Co-Chair McLain and members of the committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 422, which would allow motorcycle operators to travel between lanes of traffic under certain conditions. As a motorcycle enthusiast and advocate, I believe that this bill would provide a number of benefits for both motorcyclists and other drivers on the road.

Lane splitting, as it is commonly known, is a practice that is legal in many other states and countries around the world. It involves a motorcycle operator riding between lanes of slow-moving or stopped traffic in order to make their way through congested areas more quickly and safely. While some people may view lane splitting as dangerous or reckless, research has shown that when done correctly and under the right conditions, it can actually reduce the risk of accidents and injuries for motorcycle riders.

By allowing lane splitting in Oregon, SB 422 would provide a number of benefits. First and foremost, it would help to reduce traffic congestion by allowing motorcycles to move more efficiently through areas where cars and trucks are at a standstill. This could help to alleviate some of the stress and frustration that comes with sitting in traffic, and it would also reduce the overall amount of time that people spend on the road.

In addition to improving traffic flow, lane splitting can also be safer for motorcyclists than sitting in traffic. When a motorcycle is stuck in slow-moving or stopped traffic, it becomes more vulnerable to rear-end collisions from other vehicles. Lane splitting allows the motorcycle to move to the front of the line, where it is less likely to be hit from behind.

Of course, it is important to ensure that any law allowing lane splitting is carefully crafted and includes certain restrictions to ensure that it is done safely. SB 422 includes several important provisions to ensure that lane splitting is done in a responsible manner, such as limiting the speed at which motorcycles can travel while lane splitting, and prohibiting it in certain circumstances such as when traffic is moving at a high speed.

In conclusion, I believe that Senate Bill 422 is an important piece of legislation that would provide numerous benefits for motorcycle riders and other drivers in Oregon. By allowing lane splitting under certain conditions, we can improve traffic flow, reduce

congestion, and increase safety on our roads. I urge you to support this bill and help make Oregon a safer and more efficient place to travel.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,
Alex Bertolucci