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I am writing to express my strong support for a new law that would allow motorcycle operators to travel between lanes of traffic under certain conditions. As an avid motorcycle rider myself, I believe that this law would improve safety on our roads and make it easier for motorcyclists to navigate through traffic.

Lane splitting, as it is commonly known, is a common practice in many parts of the world, including Europe and Asia. It involves riding a motorcycle between lanes of slow-moving or stopped traffic, allowing the rider to reach their destination more quickly and with less risk of being involved in a rear-end collision. Lane splitting is also an effective way for motorcyclists to avoid being hit from behind, which is a common cause of motorcycle accidents.

Research has shown that lane splitting can be done safely, as long as it is done at speeds no more than 10-15 mph faster than surrounding traffic, and with a reasonable amount of space between the motorcycle and other vehicles. In fact, a recent study by the University of California Berkeley found that motorcyclists who lane split are less likely to be involved in a fatal accident than those who do not.

I believe that allowing motorcycle operators to lane split under certain conditions would provide a number of benefits. For one, it would reduce traffic congestion and improve travel times for all motorists. It would also improve safety on our roads by reducing the risk of rear-end collisions and other types of accidents involving motorcycles. Additionally, lane splitting would make it easier for motorcyclists to navigate through traffic, allowing them to arrive at their destination more quickly and with less stress.

In conclusion, I urge you to support the passage of a new law that would allow motorcycle operators to lane split under certain conditions. This law would provide a number of benefits for motorcyclists and other motorists, and would improve safety on our roads. Thank you for your time and consideration.