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

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher and members of the Judiciary Committee  
As an avid motorcycle rider and passionate advocate for road safety, I am writing to urge you to consider allowing motorcycle operators to travel between lanes of traffic under certain conditions. This practice, also known as lane splitting, has been shown to be both safe and effective in reducing traffic congestion and improving the overall safety of our roads.

As a motorcyclist, I have experienced firsthand the dangers of being stuck in heavy traffic. In situations like this, lane splitting can be a lifesaver, allowing me to safely and efficiently navigate through traffic and avoid the risk of being rear-ended or involved in an accident.

I understand that there may be concerns about the safety of lane splitting, but studies have shown that when done under certain conditions, it is a safe practice. For example, the California Highway Patrol conducted a study that found that lane splitting was safe as long as the motorcyclist did not exceed the speed of surrounding traffic by more than 10 mph, did not exceed the speed limit, and did not split lanes in heavy traffic or at speeds over 50 mph.

Lane splitting also has other benefits. It can help reduce emissions by reducing the amount of time motorcycles spend idling in traffic, and it can reduce commute times for motorcyclists, which can have a positive impact on productivity and quality of life.

As a member of the motorcycle community, I urge you to consider allowing lane splitting under certain conditions to promote safer and more efficient travel for motorcyclists. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Newly McCoin