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Safe - motorcyclists are exposed and more likely to be rear ended while sitting at a light or in traffic and they're less likely to be seen. A study from University of California Berkeley suggest riders who filter are safer. "UC Berkeley's Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC) found that lane-splitting is relatively safe if done in traffic moving at 50 mph or less, and if motorcyclists do not exceed the speed of other vehicles by more than 15 mph."

Sensible - California has historically been the only state to allow filtering, but we're now seeing bills proposed and passed around the country in states such as Arizona, Missouri, Montana, and Utah and bills being proposed in many other states. Additionally, filtering and lane splitting are common most everywhere else in the world.

Efficient - filtering eases traffic congestion, not just for motorcycles, but for all motorists. From a 2012 study from the Belgian city Leuven, "If 10 percent of the cars on the road were replaced with motorcycles, congestion would drop by 40 percent, and if 25 percent of cars were replaced with motorcycles, congestion would disappear. The reason for this is that motorcycles take up less space in traffic, and the study assumes that at stoplights, motorcycles will filter between lanes to the front."

Lane filtering: Safe, Sensible & Efficient