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On Behalf Of:

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I'm writing as a motorcyclist who rode to work today, yesterday, and will again tomorrow. Lane sharing would make my daily commute safer. Every time I come to a stop on I-84, I worry that the driver behind me might not be paying attention. Rear-end collisions are a daily occurrence, and to get caught in the middle of one on my bike is a risk I face daily. Legal lane sharing would greatly improve my chances out there.

As a member of the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) and a motorcyclist in Oregon, I believe that allowing lane filtering in the state will provide me with an alternative crash mitigation strategy on the road.

The AMA has long advocated for the rights of motorcyclists and the motorcycling lifestyle. The AMA places significant emphasis on motorcycle operator and passenger safety. On every type of public roadway, motorcyclists encounter challenges from other roadway users and are constantly vigilant to potentially unsafe conditions around them. One of the most dangerous situations for any on-highway motorcyclist is being caught in congested traffic, where stop-and-go vehicles, distracted and inattentive vehicle operators and environmental conditions pose an increased risk of physical contact with another vehicle or hazard. Even minor contact under such conditions can be disastrous for motorcyclists. Allowing motorcyclists to move between stopped or slowed traffic prevents them from becoming victims of a rear-end collision. We encourage you to ask your colleagues in the delegation to follow your example in supporting motorcyclists on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Scott Rounds