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I commute regularly on a motorcycle and would do so more often if filtering were legal. I've had many near misses from drivers failing to see me stopped at a light, both day and night, in high visibility clothing. While I can and have taken emergency action to get out of the way of drivers who would have hit me if I remained stopped with traffic, the risk could be easily avoided by filtering to the intersection at a safe speed. I have also had my motorcycle overheat and shut down while stopped in traffic since it is air cooled and does not get cooling when stopped. Filtering to the front of stopped traffic is much safer for the rider and helps reduce congestion on the road both by getting motorcycles out of the line of traffic and by incentivizing people to ride in order to be less impacted by traffic. There is plenty of space to filter safely on our roads and we are doing everyone a disservice by not allowing it.