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Subject: Lane Filtering Bill# 7354 (H7354)

Attn: House Clerk, Rhode Island legislature

Subject: Support for Legalizing Motorcycle Lane Filtering Bill # 7354 (H7354)

Dear Committee

My name is Melina DeCosta and I am a resident of Warwick, RI. I am writing to respectfully urge you to support legislation that would legalize motorcycle lane filtering in our state.

Lane filtering—allowing motorcycles to safely move between stopped or slow-moving vehicles—has been shown to improve rider safety, reduce traffic congestion, and lower the risk of rear-end collisions. As a motorcyclist and daily road user, I have personally experienced how vulnerable riders are when stopped in traffic, especially when drivers may be distracted or visibility is limited. Being struck from behind is one of the most common and dangerous accidents motorcyclists face, and lane filtering directly reduces that risk.

States such as California, Utah, Arizona, and Montana have already implemented lane filtering laws with positive results. Studies and real-world data show no increase in accidents, and in many cases, improved traffic flow for all road users. When motorcycles are allowed to move out of congestion, it reduces bottlenecks and shortens commute times—not just for riders, but for drivers as well.

Lane filtering also provides environmental and economic benefits. Motorcycles produce fewer emissions and use less fuel when not idling in traffic. Legalizing this practice encourages more efficient road use while aligning with broader goals of sustainability and reduced congestion.

Importantly, lane filtering laws are typically written with clear safety guidelines, such as speed limits and restrictions to stopped or slow-moving traffic. This ensures the practice is predictable, responsible, and safe for everyone on the road. I agree with the limits in the current bill.

I respectfully ask you to consider the safety data, the experiences of other states, and the voices of motorcyclists in our community. Legalizing lane filtering is a practical, proven step toward safer roads and smarter traffic management.

Thank you for your time, service, and consideration. I would greatly appreciate your support on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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