

Concerning SB694,

I have been riding for over 45 years from one end of this country to the other. I commute daily on my motorcycle.

I have been rear-ended 3 times in traffic.

Once on the freeway and twice on off-ramps.

The time on the freeway I was stuck in stop-and-go traffic when I was hit from behind by an inattentive driver. The motorcycle was pushed into the car in front of me, bending the forks, rear swingarm and denting the tank, my motorcycle was totaled, at the time it was my only transportation. I received injuries to my back and right leg as well as damaging my helmet, gloves and pants.

The first off-ramp incident I was waiting for the turn signal when I was struck from behind by a driver anticipating the light. I was knocked across the intersection into on-coming traffic. I received injuries to my left foot, left arm and helmet. My motorcycle was totaled. My riding gear was also severely damaged.

The second off-ramp incident I was in traffic and struck from behind and rammed into the car in front of me, I ended up on the hood of the car that hit me. Injuries to my back and both legs. My motorcycle was totaled. My riding gear was severely damaged.

I have also avoided a number of potential incidents by riding the motorcycle between the lanes of traffic when I heard sliding tires behind me. Filtering through traffic allowed me to avoid being hit. Because of the potential for serious injury I have adjusted my riding strategy to stay close to the center-line and I do not hesitate to filter between traffic to avoid injury and damage as well as aggressive drivers.

I encourage you to support this bill for the safety of riders as well as the potential alleviation of traffic congestion.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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