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To: Chair McKeown and Members of the House
Committee on Transportation and Economic Development

I am writing to you today for testimony in strong support of SB694 for the 5/15/15 hearing.

It is important and critical that we finally recognize the important and tangible benefit to the people of this region and the imminent population growth that is on the horizon.

Anyone who has spent any time at all commuting on area freeways recognizes the increasing density and problems related to far too many people and far too little infrastructure. This immediate and beneficial solution is truly low or no cost and will yield long term benefits to our region. It is time to recognize the important role motorcycles can have in our communities not to mention the lower impact, lowered emissions and fuel consumption, and positive impact on area parking. Perhaps soon more Car and SUV drivers will see the obvious benefits of 2 wheeled commuting and leave those gas guzzlers at home. Who among you would reject a 10%, 20% or 30% reduction in congestion? Traffic that moves smoothly pollutes less, and benefits everyone.

I find it baffling that the only 2 wheeled vehicles of note are bicycles yet motorcycles are ignored. Long shut out of

our regional transportation discussion it is time to acknowledge that if its advantageous to spend all the money that has been allocated to bicycle resources, would not a similar benefit be realized by motorcycle commuter's?

In this bill, the motorcycle riders represent a grand bargain in that you have the opportunity to put in place a easy solution with no downsides, little to no costs and immediate and long term benefits. I would be happy to discuss with anyone the mechanics and physics involved with air and water cooled motorcycles and why it is simply not feasible nor advisable to allow them to sit in slow moving or at a standstill in traffic. Oil viscosity breakdown, Pre-ignition, detonation and clutch wear to name a few. As a federally licensed aerospace technician as well as licensed for instruction in mechanics I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the mechanics and why motorcycles and scooters should be allowed to pass at a reasonable speed in traffic jams or tie ups.

Please do not be swayed by those who do not ride or so passive aggressive they wish to control those who do. Listen instead to the voices of those who have the real world experience and knowledge. As a life long motorcyclist PLEASE pass this common sense bill.

Thank you!

Respectfully, Doug Towsley.