

Letter of Support - SUGGESTED Language

(Organization Letterhead)

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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 51 (Quirk): Lane Splitting Guidelines: Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the (insert organization), I am writing to request your signature on Assemblymember Quirk's AB 51 (Lane Splitting: Educational Guidelines), which will allow for the development of educational guidelines on safe lane splitting practices.

California law is silent on lane splitting. Since current law does not explicitly prohibit it, lane splitting is legal. Due to this lack of clarity, there are no guidelines or safety standards to guide drivers on how to safely maneuver motorcycles when lane splitting.

Recognizing this gap and a need for education, the California Highway Patrol (CHP), with the help of a diverse set of stakeholders, drafted a set of guidelines and posted them on CHP's website. However, a discrepancy as to whether or not these guidelines were underground regulations forced CHP to pull the guidelines from its websites. As a result, CHP had to curtail all education and outreach efforts on lane splitting.

In recognizing the many benefits lane splitting can provide to our overly congested roads, AB 51 provides clarity in statute by stating that the California Highway Patrol has the authority to develop educational guidelines on lane splitting.

AB 51 will help to keep our roads safer and our drivers better educated. The (insert organization) supports AB 51 (Lane Splitting: Educational Guidelines) and we look forward to you signing this bill and becoming law.

Sincerely,

Name
Title

cc: Michael Martinez, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary