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Subject: Re: SB103- public testimony on Feb 13th - riding two abreast.

I agree that this bill will do nothing for the problems, such as; bad roads, lack of bicycle lanes, overcrowded roads, bad drivers, bad cyclists, and lack of responsible operation by both drivers and cyclists, to name only some of the problems.

As a life long cyclist (58 years old) I have seen this day coming. On every group ride I have attended in recent years, there are always a few riders who refuse to heed the call of "Car Back" or "Single up". This is yet another example of a few bad apples ruining something for everyone.

Passing this law will not fix the problem. The roads are full of angry automobile drivers that already take delight in intentionally jeopardizing the safety of responsible cyclists, and in frequent cases outright committing assault with with a motor vehicle. This law will just give these drivers another excuse to put a cyclists life in danger.

Better alternatives are #1 EDUCATION - for both drivers and cyclists. Promote automobile driver awareness of "3 foot rule". Clubs need to take a stronger stance against against irresponsible cyclists. Riders that don't heed standard vocal safety warnings, such as "car back" should be told that they will have to leave the group and ride by themselves. Possibly a zero tolerance policy by cycle clubs.

In an age where alternative transportation and energy conservation is such a priority, better solutions than a "knee jerk" punitive law need to be considered. We should be making our roads more bicycle friendly, and usable. Not more dangerous.

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