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To: Members of the Alaska House Transportation Committee

Subject: Support for HB 91 – An act relating to operating a motor vehicle in lanes of traffic

The National Motorists Association (NMA) fully supports the passage of HB 91, which promotes keeping the left lane of non-urban, multi-lane roadways clear for faster moving traffic except for specific instances such as being directed otherwise, overtaking and passing another vehicle moving in the same direction, preparing for a left turn, or as dictated by unsafe conditions in the right lane.

We are a national drivers' advocacy organization consisting of 9,000 members residing in all 50 states. Our membership believes strongly that one of the most important principles of highway safety is lane courtesy, which is the term we have designated to signify the act of keeping or moving right to allow overtaking traffic to pass on the left.

The benefits of endorsing lane courtesy by passing HB 91 are many:

- **Drivers are less likely to be in accidents**
Letting faster traffic pass creates smoother traffic flow, minimizing stress and aggressive tactics like tailgating;
- **Fuel economy will increase**
Efficient traffic flow results in less braking and accelerating as well as fewer forced lane changes;
- **Yielding to faster traffic reduces congestion**
Motorists get to their destinations on schedule more consistently;
- **Keeping right is the law in most states**
The driver who camps in the left lane and holds up traffic, regardless of speed, frequently is violating the law.

If we can instill a "keep right" mindset among motorists, our highways will be safer to travel and more pleasant to drive. Your support of HB 91 will be another important step in this direction.

Thank you,

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President