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To: [HTP Exhibits](#)
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To the honorable members of the House Committee on Transportation

On February 22, 2017 you have scheduled a hearing regarding the use of aviation fuel containing lead (tetra-ethyl-lead) HB 2109. This bill is intended to make it illegal to possess or use leaded Avgas after Jan. 1, 2022.

I am writing to inform you, that at this time, no alternative fuel for General Aviation airplanes is available. The FAA has been working on this issue for a considerable time but this requires extensive science to develop a new, safe fuel that meets their standards and still protects our engines. Many GA airplane engines require using leaded Avgas. In the future, I am sure they will have a new acceptable fuel available. Before that time, please do not put aviation in a position where we cannot fly. Essentially, the bill as currently written means that GA will be grounded.

I am sure you have heard many times of the value and services that GA provide in our communities and all across Oregon. It remains unsubstantiated as to any danger or damage being created due to the lead in Avgas. Please review the available statistics and consider the consequences of passing such a bill.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this bill. Hopefully, such a bill will not be passed into law in Oregon until an alternative is available.

Regards,

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