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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2738

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Oregon State Legislators,

Our family would like to ask all Oregon State Representatives to support Representative Travis Nelson's proposed House Bill 2378, which would fully ban the use of leaded fuel at the Portland International Raceway.

Lead in gasoline is a dangerous contaminant that is well understood to negatively impact the health and development of children. The phase-out of leaded gasoline from general use in the United States began in 1975 – fifty years ago. This phase-out was successful, with studies showing positive impact across the US from the removal of leaded gasoline.

Yet in Kenton we still have leaded gasoline at our doorstep. A publicly owned and operated racetrack continues to allow leaded fuel at races here in North Portland, despite nearly a decade of organized community opposition.

As the father of a six-year old in the Kenton neighborhood, I'm asking you to please vote to approve resolution HB 2738.

I'm deeply appreciative of the work that you do to protect the health of Oregonians and our children.

Sincerely,
Brian O'Rourke