

February 14, 2025

Oregon State Legislature 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Oregon State Legislators,

The Kenton Neighborhood Association would like to offer full support for Representative Travis Nelson's proposed House Bill 2738, which would fully ban the use of leaded gasoline fuel at the Portland International Raceway (PIR).

As the neighborhood in North Portland where the track is located, we have been fighting for almost a decade for the publicly owned and operated racetrack to ban leaded fuel at races. The health impacts of leaded gasoline on people, particularly children and the elderly, is well known and thoroughly documented. Furthermore, there have been extensive studies on the impact of leaded gasoline at racetracks specifically and the detriment to health in surrounding areas.¹

We ask all of Oregon State Representatives to support the bill and vote to approve resolution HB 2738 to protect our community's health and well being.

On behalf of the Kenton Neighborhood Association, thank you for your time and work protecting the environmental health of Oregonians,

Terrance Moses Chair, Kenton Neighborhood Association Chris Kennard, Vice-chair, Kenton Neighborhood Association

¹ Pattee, Emma and Stuart Henigson"Revealed: A Toxic Metal is in a US City's Air - and May be Harming Children's Brains" *The Guardian*. July 2023. <u>https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/jun/21/lead-emissions-racetracks-portland-international-raceway</u> (accessed February 14, 2025)