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On Behalf Of:
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Hello,

My name is Henry Tabor, and I have enjoyed the Portland International Raceway (PIR) for many years. It is my strong belief that there is no conclusive evidence that would create an issue that is being examined in today's hearing. PIR is unique. It is the only race track in North America that doubles as a city park. While its primary use is the track, it has brought many great memories of both my own, my family, and strangers turned friends I have met while attending and participating in events in and around the area.

The 2017 study done by G2 consultants is my primary source of information on my stance, but I have reviewed writing and articles by, but not limited to:

-The Guardian (<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/jun/21/lead-emissions-racetracks-portland-international-raceway>)

-CESifo Working Papers 9674

(https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4082579)

I have found that the Guardian report is based on hypothetical thinking. The report writes: "Based on the research, the Guardian calculated that third graders – students aged eight or nine – who have grown up within two miles of Portland International Raceway could experience more than a six-percentage point decline in their standardized test scores."

It is very important to highlight the use of the words "could" and the phrase "Based on."

The academic paper that this article highlights does not once mention Portland International Raceway. The Guardian article is not a study, therefore, mentioning it with this bill should disqualify it from consideration as it's not based on scientific data about the track.

The scientific data that is about the track, however, states "Regardless, all results were well below the regulatory exposure limits established by OR-OSHA and recommended by the ACGIH," and " Other factors include, but may not be limited to the adjacent freeway located east of PIR, nearby industrial sources and/or reentrainment from previous contamination events on the site."

PIR is an important historical staple of Portland, Kenton, and many local racers alike. The track already employs some of the strictest limitations in North America, which loses revenue that could go towards more studies, like the one performed by G2, to continue to monitor and improve the lives of drivers, spectators, and residents. It is

frustrating to continue to hear of these legislations that threaten one of the places I've grown up at. I am and will forever be a massive supporter of PIR, Friends of PIR, Oregon Region SCCA, and all of the volunteers who have dedicated their time to ensuring the race track continues.

Pattee, E., & Hensington, S. (2023, June 21). Revealed: A Toxic Metal is in a US city's air – and may be harming children's brains. The Guardian.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/jun/21/lead-emissions-racetracks-portland-international-raceway>

Harper, M., & Rouse, D. (2017, October 5). PIR Lead Assessment, Oct. 2017.

https://portlandraceway.com/file/143/10159-38_PPR_PIR_Lead_Assessment_Report_100517.pdf