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Dear Oregon State Legislators,

I urge you to support **proposed House Bill 2738**.

Representative Travis Nelson, House District 44, has proposed this bill to protect citizens of North and Northeast Portland from the toxic effects of lead pollution resulting from the use of leaded gasoline at Portland International Raceway, which is directly adjacent to these densely populated neighborhoods.

According to the Oregon Health Authority, recent research shows that “no safe level of lead exposure exists.” Recent research has been submitted to city officials documenting that the quantity of lead emitted each year at PIR likely causes significant harm to children who live nearby. Children growing up near a racetrack and exposed to the amount of lead emitted each year from PIR can experience as much as a 10% decline in performance on standardized tests by the third grade.

In allowing events where there is leaded fuel at the track, the city isn't drawing crowds or bringing in significant revenue for the community: PIR's big-ticket events – such as IndyCar and the NASCAR race – don't use leaded fuel. Nearly all of the leaded fuel is sold on a handful of weekends for vintage sports car events and some motorcycle races.

I plead with Oregon State Representatives to vote to **approve resolution HB 2738 to protect our community's health and well being**.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Oregon.

Sincerely yours,  
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