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I write today in support of HB 2738. I live within 2 miles of PIR. For the sake of entertaining a comparatively small number of people, the health of year-round citizens, many of which include children and the elderly as well as other low income folks, are unnecessarily put at risk. It is unconscionable to permit this dangerous element to taint our air, already compromised by regular wildfires and climate change, when this country and most of the world hasn't used it 39 years.

Some confuse the issue by suggesting the science hasn't been settled, when in fact it has conclusively and repeatedly been confirmed time and time again for decades. Some might argue about the cost components of having to adjust; those pale to the costs of an overworked and ineffective health care system. Besides, are we the kind of society that would sacrifice the health of people for the sake of saving a few dollars? Some may suggest that there are other factors, such as jet fuel, that are also culpable, so why single out leaded gas? We tackle these problems one bill at a time, and just because lead gas is not the sole issue for putting people's health at risk is not a rational reason to ignore it.

There is no compelling reason to continue allowing the use of a toxic, banned substance just to watch racing vehicles go around in a loop for a few hours. Those vehicles do that with with or without the lead, and it will be just as exciting to watch (for those who chose to watch it) - why put the health of so many people who do NOT chose to participate in these events at risk?

There is no justifiable moral or ethical reason to oppose this bill - it's time for the law to catch up.