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I have lived in Portland Metropolitan area my entire life. I started racing at PIR when I was 14 years, roadracing motorcycles, today I continue to race motocross and cars. I This not only kept me and my family busy on race weekends but throughout the entire year. Through out the past 56 years we have enjoyed many racing events, many vintage bikes and cars rely on the use of leaded gas at these events. We know many of families that travel for miles to enjoy PIR for racing and many vintage car and motorcycle club events. Many of these cars or motorcycles burn leaded fuel. These events are even more limited today for enthusiasts to enjoy. For the limited amount of time leaded gas is used in events at PIR it has been proven that this is not enough lead in the air to be hazardous to the neighborhoods surrounding the track. We have plenty of other businesses in the area or even the pollution of I-5 that is a daily danger that Portlander's should be concerned about, if they see leaded gas at PIR being a concern to daily health. I oppose this bill and would ask that we spend our tax payers time and money on much larger issues. If you go right outside the gates you see communities of homeless human waste and garbage that should be more of a concern than the little bit of lead fuel being burnt in cars and motorcycles for only a few hours on any given week. Eliminating leaded fuel at the track will eliminate valuable revenue needed to keep the track open for all events. These events are a family affair that build strong family values and give families hobbies that will carry on through there entire lives. Keep Portland and PIR as is.