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On Behalf Of:

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This bill does not target actual problems within the state of Oregon or the city of Portland. It targets the historic Portland International Raceway that both brings in revenue for the city and is home to an amazing community of friends and family, mine included.

There have been studies conducted about the possible pollution effects the track could be producing which proved the allegations against the track to be false. The race events that would be effected by this bill bring in around \$35-45 million to the local economy, which is an already low income area and would effect places like hotels, restaurants, gas stations, etc. The track staff are also in strict compliance with the noise regulations imposed on the track as well, as a weekly attendee of the Wednesday Night Drags I can attest to this. PIR receives no public funding and is only funded by the users of the track while it simultaneously gives back revenue to the community. The track also host other non-racing events as well, examples of this are the safe driver training and police pursuit training. The Friday and Saturday night grudge races also give an outlet for people who might resort to street racing, which has been to shown to increase in other cities where tracks have been previously closed down.

This bill would effectively terminate the future sustainability of the track making it insolvent. As a member of the community effected I ask you please do not ratify this bill for it only causes massive negative effects for PIR, the community, and the economy of Portland while not actually addressing any real and provable problems with pollution.