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Measure/Topic: HB2738

Dear Oregon State Legislators,

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB2738. In reading through the testimonies of both supporters and those in opposition, it has become clear that this bill is less about lead and more about a dislike for Portland International Raceway.

I appreciate those who state their opposition to the track as it makes more sense why they support this bill. What I've been trying to understand is if this is truly about lead, then why isn't the proposal to remove lead from other places and other sources also included? Not only racetracks but airports, lead pipes, and any industry where lead is present? The supporters say save our kids and the elderly in North Portland yet not one supporter has said save the elderly and kids from someplace other than the area by Portland International Raceway.

In 2022, the Oregon DEQ and the Oregon Health Authority provided to the Kenton Neighborhood Association a letter that stated in part, "There have not been any cases of elevated blood leads in children in Portland attributable to PIR." This was in response to the Kenton Neighborhood Association's concerns and questions around lead emissions coming from PIR. I would have thought this would have been great news. But instead, I've read in a few of the testimonials that claim their concerns over lead have been ignored for years and that's why this bill is necessary. The fact is they haven't been ignored rather, the answer they wanted wasn't what they received.

Thank you for listening. Please reject HB2738.

Sincerely,
Chris Heinrich