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On Behalf Of:
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Dear Lawmakers

I am a Kenton resident. I, like many who support this bill, have children. Children who have spent many an afternoon watching racing at PIR. PIR is community for many folks and draws out of town folks to our area. They spend money in our neighborhoods and generate revenue for the city. A city in which I pay close to the highest total tax rate in the country to live in yet one that has a still rampant drug and homeless problem (in Kenton) and a constant lack of funding. The animal and human waste in the street is far more of a health risk than the sometimes use of leaded fuels at PIR

This is to say, we have other issues to address for the safety of our children than undermining a long standing community that generates funding for the city. Since 1961, moving to and living in this area of Portland comes with PIR. Everyone knows this when they choose to live here- yes I realize not everyone has a choice, but I also know that the area has been radically gentrified since the 1990's. Undermining established revenue generating communities is nothing more than a continuation of that gentrification.

PIR is a national treasure. It is the only setting of its kind in the United States. It is part of what makes Portland special. Put money into runoff management instead of inconclusive studies. Keep PIR weird!

Thank you.