

I am writing to express my concern toward the proposed leaded fuel ban at Portland International Raceway.

I have read through the testimonies of those in support of this ban and what has stuck out to me the most is the lack of any sort of study or evidence that leaded fuel AT THIS TRACK, IN THIS CITY has had ANY sort of harmful effect on the surrounding communities. On the contrary, all of the recent studies show exactly the opposite. These include:

- **Oct. 2017 Industrial Hygiene Assessment**, where it could not even be definitively determined that the observed airborne lead came from the track users themselves and found that the observed lead was WELL below the regulatory exposure limits.
- **Sep. 2022 letter by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality** supporting the G2 Consultant's findings and acknowledging that their own ambient air quality monitors all indicated that PIR is 'not having and impact on the ability to meet' air quality standard's in North Portland Neighborhoods

Another theme of these letters is the phrase 'I have been a resident of North Portland since....', seeming to imply that length of residence in an area has sway over a public entities ability to operate fully. However Portland International Raceway has been in continuous operation since 1961, over 60 years. To move to an area with an established race track and then complain about the operations of that track is the equivalent of moving next to a railroad track and complaining about the train whistles, or moving into a busy city apartment and complaining about the lack of parking, moving to a freeway adjacent home and complaining about road noise. It does not make sense. Many of these same letters also mention the noise from PIR, and issue the track has bent over backwards to make less impactful to the community, and, again, do not include evidence to support their claims. This leads one to believe that the issue is not about the lead itself, but about the track as a whole, and this is simply an opportunity to put another nail in the coffin.

Portland International Raceway has already banned the sale of leaded race fuel on their property. This is as far as any ban should go. 'Using alternative fuels' is not the simple solution for racers that it may sound like it is. Altering a racecar to run effectively on a different type of fuel is a significantly financially draining and time consuming enterprise. In a world where the price of everything a racer uses to perform their hobby keeps going up and up, the effect of this ban will not be that the racer modifies their car. It will be that the racer modifies WHERE THEY RACE, and that will not be PIR.

The fact of the matter is the impact of lead used at Portland International Raceway to the local community is supported by studies to be non existent. However, the impact to the racing community and Portland International Raceway as a whole should the ability to use

leaded gas be taken away would be catastrophic. Without local cars that can only use leaded gas, entries for local racing events will dwindle and the clubs that put on these events will not have enough money to continue. Without the local racing events we will lose our nationally recognized local volunteers. Without local racing events and volunteers we will lose pro-racing events. Without auto racing at a racetrack, the track itself will not be able to operate. It will be insolvent. Those who have proposed and back this bill know this.

I am 30 years old. I have been going to the track with my family since I was a baby. It is a second home not only to me but to hundreds of other racers and workers. It is a source of joy and community for thousands more car enthusiasts and casual fans alike. Portland International Raceway is a unique treasure that this city should be protecting, yet in my 30 years that simply has never been the case. If it's not leaded gas it's noise. If it's not noise it's traffic. If it's not this, it will be something else.

I strongly oppose HB2738.

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