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Good morning. I am the President of SOVREN which is a not-for-profit that has been producing vintage sports car races in the Pacific Northwest for the last 39 years. We race annually at Portland International Raceways (PIR). A majority of our members cars require leaded fuel. The existing noise limit of 103db, and the general deterioration of the surrounding neighborhood, already make producing the race a challenge. We strive for about 100 members to attend our race weekend at PIR, who typically spend the equivalent of 230 nights in local hotels (\$63,250), order 500 meals (\$12,500) and buy gasoline and other products throughout the weekend. With the addition of our payment to use the track, SOVREN members annually contribute well over \$100,000 annually to the local economy. The track is directly adjacent to Interstate 5 and Portland International Airport, and while they do not generally see the use of leaded fuel, they certainly contribute negatively to air quality in a more significant way than the de minimis use of leaded fuel by vintage race cars. If this bill is passed and ultimately becomes law, SOVREN will likely have to end our use of PIR. While we are a not-for-profit, we must remain financially viable, and this bill would make that impossible. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. I invite you to attend this year's Columbia River Classic at PIR on September 6th and 7th, to see firsthand the positive benefit vintage racing brings to your community.

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