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I am a resident of Portland who lives within a mile of Portland International Raceway with my two elementary school aged children. My elderly mother lives within 3 miles. This fuel type has long been banned from public due to the known risk of lead exposure. The current exceptions allow my children's academic performance and futures be placed at risk as research indicates 10% decline in performance simply due to living close to a racetrack that allows this fuel type. My mother is at increased risk of an early death. Researchers into these risk categories advised residents of North Portland to move away, they were so convinced of the risks and health impacts. However their research indicates that these risk remain a concern for anyone within 25 miles radius of the raceway exposure-which includes the entire Portland metro area. Our city council has failed to listen or be responsive to our concerns and this research, siding with the financial interests of the raceway over the health and livelihood of their residents and constituents. It is my hope that the state will step in and hear our concerns and pass this bill to protect the health and futures of Oregonians.