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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2738

My name is Erica Silveira, and I am a concerned Oregonian and public health advocate. I strongly support HB 2738, which prohibits the use of leaded fuel at racetracks in Oregon's largest cities. This bill is a necessary step toward protecting public health and ensuring cleaner air for our communities.

Leaded fuel has well-documented health risks, particularly for children, older adults, and individuals with existing health conditions. Exposure to lead pollution can lead to serious neurological and cardiovascular problems. As someone who works in the healthcare field, I see firsthand how environmental toxins, including lead exposure, contribute to long-term health disparities and chronic diseases.

Oregon has long been a leader in environmental and public health policy, and HB 2738 aligns with that legacy. By eliminating leaded fuel at racetracks in cities with populations of 500,000 or more, we are taking a simple yet impactful step toward improving air quality and protecting the health of our residents. There are safer, lead-free alternatives that allow racing to continue without compromising public safety.

I urge you to support HB 2738 to prioritize the well-being of Oregonians and reduce unnecessary exposure to harmful pollutants. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Erica Silveira