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Hello All,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 2738. It's no secret that this bill would directly apply to the Portland International Raceway, so it's worth dispensing with the theoretical and speak in blunt terms. The use of leaded fuel increases the exposure and contact of humans that are in the direct vicinity of the fuel source and users. This has been well documented, with decades of research confirming the direct impacts of leaded fuel bans. These impacts are both straightforward (with corresponding decreases in measurable lead after other bans were put in place) and urgent (lead exposure decreases health and cognitive ability of adults and children).

While I sympathize with the recreational users of the leaded fuel at PIR, the benefits of the prohibition of the use of leaded fuel far outweigh the costs. Protecting the hundreds of families in North Portland neighborhoods is a higher priority than allowing for a toxic performance fuel to be used by a select few that participate in driving their unique vehicles at PIR.

For most of the drivers, they will still be able to race (to say nothing of the noise that also comes from the racetrack, which is not up for testimony here). For many generations of children in North Portland, the impact of leaded fuel will forever degrade their health. Nothing is more important than the health of the citizens and neighbors that HB 2738 protects. Please support this bill and protect the residents of Portland.