

Submitter: Joe Buttafuoco  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2738

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Levy and Committee Members Andersen, Edwards, Helm, Levy, Marsh, Neron, Osborne, Owens and Wallan,

Hello, my name is Joe Buttafuoco and I am writing today to voice my support for HB 2738, which will ban leaded gasoline at Portland International Raceway. I live in the same zip code as PIR. My house is a little over a half mile away. I support HB 2738 because it is unconscionable that we would permit leaded fuel in an area where people live. We decided as a society to outlaw leaded fuel decades ago, yet we still permit its use near neighborhoods. Why should we allow negative air and human health impacts from leaded fuels when the race cars have a safer option?

Leaded fuel exposure near racetracks causes up to 10% drops in children's test scores by third grade. The effects extend 25 miles from the source and living near a leaded raceway increases elderly mortality and reduces children's educational outcomes.

We've already banned leaded gasoline on highways but not racetracks, leaving vulnerable Portlanders open to harm. Many of my neighbors have children and they deserve better from our decision makers. My wife has asthma and has to stay inside on days that air pollution levels are high. I know this session is busy with important bills. But we ask you to have empathy for North Portland residents and make an easy decision that will directly benefit Portland residents.

I'm writing today, to ask you to vote to move HB 2738 to a full house floor vote. I am saying no to leaded gasoline at PIR, and I hope you will join me.

Sincerely,  
Joe Buttafuoco, Kenton neighborhood resident