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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

I live in North Portland, just a few miles from Portland International Raceway (PIR). I am writing to urge you to pass HB 2738, and ban leaded gas at PIR. I am not going to spend a lot of time telling you the things that you all already know about the effects of lead on children, animals and adults. You all are more well versed on the science than I am and you are going to receive many emails reminding you of what we all know about the need to ban lead. Additionally, I assume you have all read the Guardian article featuring PIR.

I am going to let you know how difficult it is to get any information from the people running PIR, however. I have tried multiple times simply to get a schedule letting me know when they are using leaded gas, so that I can avoid taking my granddaughter to Kenton Park that day, and try and reduce her toxin exposure, at least a little bit. Every time I call, the person answering refuses to tell me what fuel they are using and also denies my request for a fuel-use schedule.

It is insane that this public park, created with taxpayer money, should be regularly emitting toxics into our neighborhood. PIR is a relic, used primarily by people from out of Portland. It needs to be shut down entirely, or used exclusively for bike races.

In the meantime, outlawing the use of leaded gas is a first, far overdue, step. Please vote to move HB 2738 to a full house vote. We have banned lead in passenger cars, why do we still have it at raceways?

Thank you,
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