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

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 2738, which proposes to prohibit the use of leaded fuel at race tracks in cities with a population of 500,000 or greater, effective January 1, 2026.

As you may be aware, the use of leaded fuel in motorsports is a long-standing practice that has become ingrained in the history and culture of motorsports. The transition away from leaded fuel may place an undue burden on Portland International Raceway, including participants, spectators, and businesses that rely on the motorsports industry.

Portland International Raceway is unique in that it is not only a form of entertainment, but also a vital part of local economies. The revenues generated by motorsports and other events at Portland International Raceway support local businesses, create jobs, and bring tourism to these cities. Prohibiting the use of leaded fuel in this context may negatively impact both large-scale and local events.

Moreover, HB 2738 does not appear to account for the fact that the motorsports industry is already making efforts to minimize its environmental impact. Many race tracks and organizations are investing in cleaner technologies, fuel alternatives, and safety measures to ensure a more sustainable future for motorsports. A more balanced approach would involve working with the racing community to find solutions that promote safety, environmental sustainability, and economic growth, rather than imposing blanket restrictions that may hinder progress in the sport.

In light of these considerations, I urge you to revisit HB 2738 and work collaboratively with stakeholders in the motorsports industry to develop a more practical and effective plan without causing harm to Portland International Raceway.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns. I hope that you will carefully weigh the potential consequences of this bill and work to create a solution that supports both public health and the motorsports community.