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On Behalf Of:
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Hello,

I oppose this House Bill 2738 on banning the use of leaded fuel at Portland International Raceway (PIR).

I have grown up at the track and my family has a long history of involvement there both racing and organizing. I currently help run a sports car that runs on leaded gas. We only run our car three times a year and two of those times are at PIR. The amount of lead we exhaust into the environment is not significant enough to blip the scale of environmental lead levels. In my experience, very few cars run leaded gas due to how impractical it is to obtain, so this bill would only further reduce the number of people paying entrance fees, thus leading to smaller grids, and less money made by vendors and concessionaires. Spectators will not want to show up to watch fewer cars on track, in all this means that the track makes less money. PIR is the only city park that is profitable, let's not ruin something that makes money for the city.

Besides that, the track, as well as the Kenton, Portsmouth, and St. Johns neighborhoods end up being under the flight path of PDX airport, which has hundreds of flights a day, all of which spew particulate and pollutants across our city. The effects of commercial and private aviation likely have a larger effect on the environmental quality of the area than our racecars we run for three days out of the year.