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Chair Lively and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment,

The mission of the American Lung Association is to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease. We believe everyone should have clean, healthy air to breathe.

The Lung Association supports House Bill 2738 which would remove lead from fuels from racing vehicles at race tracks in cities with populations of 500,000 or more.

Exposure to lead can harm nearly every system in our bodies. Lead accumulates in our bones, liver, and kidneys and can get in our blood and affect the ability of blood to carry oxygen. Lead is a criteria air pollutant and regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Infants and young children are especially vulnerable to lead exposure. Lead exposure in people who are pregnant can harm the developing fetus.

Reducing lead exposure is improving health. The Lung Association urges your support of HB 2738.

Sincerely,

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