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while I support measures to improve our environment sometimes government is overreaching in their efforts. This is one such case.

To explain.

Motorsport is a small but important sport for the community and in particular youths to have fun and drive fast cars safely and without breaking laws on public roads.

Portland International raceway is the only race track serving the Portland Community and hosts a large amount of different sports from professional racing genres down to local residents just racing their cars on the track rather than on public roads. Be sure here, people will race and it is our responsibility to provide safe and organized ways in which they can indulge in their passion.

Motor sport at Portland International Raceway as with all racetracks in Oregon hosts both professional and amateur events. The professional events almost exclusively utilize unleaded fuels and now hybrid and electric genres of racing, they are not the problem that you may imagine. The bulk of cars raced are very happy running unleaded fuels but towards the budget end of the sport (yes the kids who choose to race on tracks rather than public roads) leaded fuels are sometimes used to power their modified road cars.

The proportion of cars affected will be very small but in doing so you will preclude form the sport the very people we wish to encourage to behave on the roads and to indulge their passion for speed on the racetrack. As the proportion using leaded fuels is so small this will have virtually no effect on air quality in Portland, one badly tuned diesel truck driving along 15 past PIR Will emit far more pollution than a whole day of racing at the track.

Of course you can pass this measure and some will cheer you on but the net effect will be zero on professional racing but drive another nail in the coffin of ways for the youth of today to burn off their passion for life and the very necessary route for them to let off steam in a safe and controlled environment. A similar argument is often made about alcohol, teenagers will drink whether it is allowed or not, most communities see uncontrolled drinking by minors who indulge their need to experiment in uncontrolled and unsafe places. Lets not do this to motor racing to save a few grams of lead in the industrialized are of Portland. PIR is situated by a golf course, the river, an airport it is NOT in downtown Portland . allow motorsport to flourish and protect our youth and leaders of tomorrow.