I understand that no level of lead potentially affecting nearby communities is a good thing, but I would like to see more transparency on the research specifically conducted in the communities around PIR. If I had more information on how PIR's emissions specifically are affecting people I would be more likely to support this bill, but right now the news organizations covering this seem to only make a potential link between PIR and negative health effects instead of a definitive one.

I feel like this bill the way it currently sits is very unfair to the community members from Portland and abroad who own vehicles that can only run on leaded race fuels. Often times these cars are very costly to own and operate, anywhere from the tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Telling these drivers who find joy and meaning in their racing endeavors at PIR to retire their cars at the end of this year would leave many heartbroken and potentially unable to race with the rising costs of race ready vehicles, and the sudden drop in value their leaded cars will have after this ban. On a larger scale if the ban were to go through, multiple racing teams and organizations that race at and help PIR financially may not be able to anymore, which could hurt both the racetrack and city significantly. I think one more year of unbiased research is needed to make sure this is the correct decision.

From what I understand as a spectator of multiple events at PIR is that the cars only race at most 2-3 days a week during "racing season", which is from spring to fall, with cars that have leaded fuels getting only a couple hours on track during these racing weekends at most. I'm not going to act like I know whether or not this is enough lead being emitted to cause negative effects in the surrounding community, but I feel like it's important to note that these lead emitting monsters aren't out to play at all times.