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On Behalf Of:

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This bill is directed at a harm that does not exist. The level of lead in air from Portland International Raceway has previously been analyzed, and is known not to exceed safe levels in any of the community locations that this bill purports to protect. That information is being submitted to the committee by others, like Friends of Portland International Raceway and the Oregon Region of Sports Car Club of America. There is no comparison between localized, limited-hours leaded fuel exhaust at a racetrack not directly on the same street as any residents, and the inner city, all-vehicles-burning-leaded-fuel all day long toxicity of years long past before unleaded gasoline in street vehicles. This bill is simply not based in factual harms or risks of any significant degree. It will do significant harm to participants in race events at P.I.R., some of whom will be unable to participate because of the cost of rebuilding engines or unavailability of suitable parts for their particular engines to burn unleaded fuel. That will have knock-on economic effects for Portland International Raceway, Portland Parks its owner, and businesses in North Portland like hotels and restaurants who normally serve those customers during race weekends, and will lose business.