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On Behalf Of:

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Good Afternoon

I strongly oppose the closing of Portland International Raceway for the following reasons:

1. This track brings in money to the city.
2. Street racing has been an issue on Portland streets for a very long time. As a teenager, this was a concern and battle which then got worse once they tore down the dirt oval track (yes, I am dating myself) and it continues to be a huge issues on Portland's Street. Imagine how much worse it will get if we close down PIR.
3. Racing will happen. I personally would prefer it to be done legally and in a safe environment.
4. We as a city should be fostering this track. This track has so much potential for income for the city and it also has so much potential to help youth, young adults and old adults to have fun legally and in a safe environment.

Has anyone on this board even been to the track. Have you seen the family oriented atmosphere? Have you seen people who love cars and the need for speed come together as one to help each other out, to mentor and just have some good old fashion fun, again, in a legal and safe environment.

I mean no disrespect, but racing will continue just not in a safe environment if you close down PIR. Do you want that on your conscience?

Racing is good clean fun. DO NOT take this away from the people that love this sport.

Thank you
Brenda Harmon