

Submitter: Frank C
On Behalf Of: Honest Leadership
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2738

Dear Committee Chairman and Members,

I am opposed to this bill. This bill is not about our children. This bill is not about our environment. How dare the politicians that promote this bill use our children as an attack on this facility. When you buy into the false claims that the activities at PIR are to blame for the poor or declining scores and education of our children, you might stop looking for the real issues that are adversely affecting the children. This is not leadership.... This is pure politics! We need leaders to solve problems, not invent them as a way to get out of the work involved in true leadership.

-If they want to shut down the Park and the opportunities it provides, then do the work. Discover just what you'd be taking away from the community and come up with viable and real options. That's leadership!

-If they want to help the environment, then do the work. Find out what is polluting and solve the problem. That's leadership!

-If they want to help children's health and education, then do the work. Find out really why the test scores are falling. Find out if there is lead in their blood or whatever the measurement is and solve the problem. That's leadership!

I hope you will take this as an opportunity to restore some integrity to public service and reject this bogus attempt to shut down a wonderful City Park. Please don't let politicians and a small group use threats that just don't exist, to get done what they truly want. This is not about lead in fuel or air or our children's health and education..... Be HONEST! If they want to shut down PIR, they should just be honest and do it through leadership and not this con job of a bill. Leaders aren't lazy big talkers. Leaders do the work and lead.

PIR adds so much to the Portland community. Good luck replacing the variety of wholesome and family-oriented activities it provides.

Do we even know how much leaded fuel is used at PIR during each event? Does anyone actually believe if we shut down PIR the children's health and scores will get better? Do people know about the over 20 non-profit charities that have been help by the funds collected from the Beaches Cruise - Ins over the years? Do people know how much money has been collected by the charitable activities held at PIR? Has the research been done to really consider this bill?

I hope there in no option to close it down over the next few years (2028) as alternatives to replace the uses are considered. Please have them do the work

before agreeing to this easy way out. Make them lead. Make them do the work first. Please do not extend the game if they attempt it. Please fully reject the bogus and harmful bill completely. Please represent the people and lead with the hard work and integrity that it takes. Make them bring you a real bill based on facts and pure intentions.

You have a unique opportunity to restore some good will in times where the public is struggling to trust our elected leaders. Please reject this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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