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On Behalf Of: The American dream
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed prohibition of lead fuels, which would directly impact the racing events held at Portland International Raceway (PIR). This issue is of great concern not only to myself but to the entire Portland and Vancouver communities, as PIR is an iconic venue that has been a key part of our culture for decades.

Portland International Raceway is not just a racetrack; it is a hub for car enthusiasts, families, and individuals who share a passion for motorsports. Every summer, thousands of people and cars converge on PIR to enjoy the thrilling experience of classic cars and racing. This tradition brings people from all walks of life together, fostering a sense of community and belonging. The events at PIR are a cornerstone of Portland's cultural fabric, drawing visitors from across the region and beyond, making it an essential part of both Portland and Vancouver's tourism and local economy.

For my family and me, PIR holds a special place in our hearts. We have been racing there for years, and it has become an integral part of our lives. The time we spend at the track has brought us closer as a family, creating memories and traditions that we cherish. The racing community at PIR is more than just a hobby; it is a source of unity, joy, and pride for countless families like mine.

The proposed ban on leaded fuels would not only eliminate an essential part of the racing experience but also threaten the very existence of these events. Without leaded fuels, many of the classic cars that make PIR's events so unique and exciting would no longer be able to participate. This would result in the cancellation of racing functions and deprive future generations of the opportunity to experience the rich history and thrill of motorsports.

I understand the importance of environmental concerns, but we must also recognize the cultural and economic impact of PIR. There are alternative solutions to addressing these concerns without sacrificing the community, tradition, and heritage that PIR represents. I urge you to reconsider this prohibition and work towards a solution that allows Portland International Raceway to continue serving as a vital part of our community while still addressing environmental concerns in a balanced and thoughtful way.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you will take into account the many

lives that have been enriched by PIR and the need to preserve it for future generations to enjoy.