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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2738

Dear Committee Members - I am writing to show support for PIR, and to ask the Committee to critically consider whether the proposed bill is anything more than a stalking horse to allow a small group of Portland residents to dictate the future of the facility. While I agree that removing leaded fuels is a beneficial endeavor, I am concerned that this bill will then allow the group of entitled Portlanders to bury PIR under perpetual lawsuits. The track has been in place since the early 1960s, so any current neighbor was certainly aware of the track prior to moving into the vicinity of PIR. It is at best disingenuous and at worst cynical for this small group of neighbors to attempt to remove a civic landmark like PIR, simply because they are unhappy with it being located next to them (even though the facility preceded them)! Please push back on this blatant NIMBY-ism and understand that PIR is a valuable community asset to the Portland area, and the entire PNW as well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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