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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill HB 2738, which inaccurately claims that leaded fuels used at Portland International Raceway (PIR) are causing health issues in our community. It is imperative to clarify that the data supporting this assertion is not only flawed but has also been manipulated to serve specific agendas that do not reflect the facts.

The narrative suggesting that leaded fuels from PIR are a significant health hazard does not take into account comprehensive scientific evidence regarding air quality and lead exposure. Numerous studies have shown that while lead exposure is a serious public health concern, the levels associated with the activities at PIR are well within acceptable limits. The data often cited in support of HB 2738 appears to cherry-pick findings or misinterpret results to create a misleading picture of the situation, fostering unnecessary fear and concern among residents.

It is essential that our policymaking is based on accurate and reliable information. By promoting this bill, we risk implementing policies that could harm local businesses, recreational opportunities, and community events without addressing the actual health risks faced by our residents. This is not just a matter of economic impact; it's about ensuring that our community is informed and protected based on the truth, rather than sensationalized claims.

I urge you and your colleagues to thoroughly investigate the data behind HB 2738 and to consider the broader implications of passing this bill. Our community deserves policies grounded in honest, factual information rather than those driven by misrepresentation and ulterior motives.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. I hope you will join me in opposing HB 2738 and advocate for a responsible approach that prioritizes accurate data and the welfare of others.