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I have owned my home at the northern edge of the Kenton neighborhood for the past 12 years and am writing in full support of HB 2738. NASCAR banned the use of leaded fuel nearly 20 years ago and it's time for the State of Oregon to catch up to this contemporary standard.

PIR is one of the most urban raceways in the country and should be regulated accordingly. The track's location in a historically marginalized, low income neighborhood highlights the disparity of its impacts. Kenton residents shoulder the negative effects imposed by a relatively small number of track users - most of whom do not live locally - purely for the purpose of recreation.

Oregon and Portland have made major investments in green technologies and social justice reform, and knowingly allowing the emission of lead by a privileged group onto a large and diverse population would be the height of contradiction and an insult myself and my neighbors.

I am fortunate to have learned about this bill with less than one day remaining in the public testimony period, as the opportunity to weigh in has not been publicized in the neighborhood community. Track enthusiasts from outside the area however have shared the opportunity broadly amongst their hobbieist groups and even commercial suppliers that profit from deregulation of the publicly-owned race track. This will likely lead to a disproportionate submittal of testimony, which I urge legislators to account for.

Thank you for considering my testimony as a neighbor, a strong contributor, and a tax payer,

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