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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2738

Dear the committee,

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 2738, which proposes to prohibit the use of leaded fuel at race tracks in cities with a population of 500,000 or greater, effective January 1, 2026.

It does not appear that the evidence surrounding HB 2738 is thorough enough in its analysis to determine a cause-and-effect related to the raceway, specifically at PIR.

HB 2738 does not appear to account for the fact that the industry is already making efforts to minimize its environmental impact. Many organizations are investing in cleaner technologies, fuel alternatives, and safety measures to ensure a more sustainable future for motorsports. A more thoughtful approach would be to work with the community to find solutions that promote safety, environmental sustainability, and economic growth, rather than imposing blanket restrictions that may hinder progress in motorsports.

Portland International Raceway is unique in that it is not only a form of entertainment, but also a vital part of the local economy. The revenues generated by events held at Portland International Raceway support local businesses, create jobs, and bring tourism to the area. Prohibiting the use of leaded fuel will restrict the events that can occur at Portland International Raceway, potentially hindering the local economy.

I strongly suggest a different approach to determining the harmfulness of leaded fuel and encourage a reconsideration of this bill.

Thank you considering these arguments.