

Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy and Members of the Committee,

I am a lifelong avid racer and heavy motorsports enthusiast; I use AVGAS in some of the motorsports I participate in. As you all know AVGAS contains lead just as some of the race fuel used in racecars as well.

The Clean Air Act banned the sale of leaded gasoline for MOST vehicles (passenger) in the US in 1996. Leaded fuel is still allowed for aircraft, racecars, farm equipment and marine engines. (Off-road units) The EPA has stated that any of those units contribute to air pollution that could endanger the public's health.

Many of the testimonies you read from supporters and Rep Nelson state that they are being poisoned by the track, that the lead detected everywhere within a 25 mile radius is from the track, that children and elderly are being affected, etc. Yet there is no scientific proof, there is no study. They are basing their statements on studies that were done in Florida when NASCAR was still utilizing leaded fuel. They continue to state that NASCAR changed, and those tracks don't allow it. There are so many misconstrued statements above. All the tracks that NASCAR visit **STILL ALLOW** leaded fuel, in fact I can't find any information on any tracks in the US that have fully banned the use of leaded fuel.

So many questions to this bill, but the most important is WHY is this bill only directed at use of leaded fuel in cities with a population of 500,000 or more? If this is such a significant health hazard, WHY are we only attempting to ban this one track? Why are we only attempting to ban a racetrack? Why isn't Rep Nelson making this a blanket bill for the entire state of Oregon? Or even remove the word racetrack and make it for the entire City of Portland? Why isn't he going after the airport? While majority of the commercial planes do not use AVGAS, 1000's of the piston-powered aircraft that fly in and out of PDX and Pearson Airport do. They are heavier polluters than PIR. Why is Rep Nelson and the neighborhoods not going after PDX? They emphasize the health of the citizens, yet you are singling out one racetrack in all of Oregon.

**Rep Nelson also states that PIR is the only racetrack in the state of Oregon that is in a densely populated area, this is an inaccurate statement.** He didn't do his research. There are numerous smaller racetracks and indoor racetracks that utilize leaded fuel in the middle of cities and buildings. I ask once more, why are they attacking PIR?

The answer is simple, PIR has been attacked for decades by the Kenton Neighborhood. Almost every 5-8 years they go after the city about noise & fuel. In 2021 the Kenton Neighborhood roared so loud to the Civic Life dept/ Noise office that the Noise board finally created a PIR Subcommittee to review the history of noise at PIR, the noise monitors, the city codes etc. This subcommittee went on for 3+ years, circling and circling to come up with recommendations to present to council. This went on for so long and seemed it wasn't going anywhere, so the Kenton Neighborhood started their rally against PIR and the leaded fuel once again. Tina Kotek tried to get it banned back in 2016, now that she is governor, they feel it's an automatic WIN.

Rep Nelson stated this ban will NOT force PIR to close, while in the beginning this is a true statement. It will not force PIR to shut its doors immediately, it will be a slow agonizing death for PIR. As everyone is aware, the Delta Park area is ravaged with homeless camps, PIR has lost

numerous events due to theft, vandalism and even vehicle theft while people are attending races. Users have had their entire truck/trailer with racecar combo stolen from the front parking lots of PIR. Many DO NOT feel safe at the facility. They cannot leave items outside the trailers while they camp INSIDE the venue. I for one, have had numerous items stolen while I sleep. PIR already has this issue they battle with every day.

Rep Nelson states that the City needs to have new types of events there. What does that mean? Should the city turn the motorsports complex into a drive-in movie theater? A concert venue? If you can't host races at a racetrack, what should you host there? This is a racetrack for racecars. Races bring in higher revenue to PIR than a drive in theater, a circus, a fun run etc. In the long run the potential loss of revenue for PIR looks to be upwards of \$600,000 as mentioned in another testimony. They are a self-funded venue, the city doesn't pay for PIR. PIR pays for PIR. When this ban causes PIR to lose that kind of revenue what will the City do? They will close it, the City is already in a significant deficit with their budget. This venue will eventually close.

Does Rep Nelson truly believe that eliminating these types of racecars is going to improve the air quality in the North Portland Neighborhood? It will not. If he is worried about the air we are all breathing, why aren't we focusing on the airplanes putting out mass amounts of lead? Why aren't we focusing on all the businesses along Columbia Blvd producing mass amounts of air pollution? Why aren't we focusing on the 9+ hours a day of emissions from I-5 corridor in Portland?

This bill is an attack on PIR, one more attack in a historic list of attacks by the Kenton Neighborhood and their backers. I OPPOSE this bill.