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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2738

I strongly oppose this measure as it is on course to directly affect the safety and history of Oregon. The usage of leaded fuels on racetracks has been a given since their fruition. Due to the historic nature of Portland International Raceway, this reads as a thinly veiled attempt to take this away from Oregonians for no other reason than operating as a racetrack does. Racetracks and their base uses are necessary and should be cultivated rather than potentially shutting down and sending their clientele into the streets of our cities. This does not solve issues, but displaces them. This creates even more harm to the communities this measure claims to want to protect.

As a lifelong Oregonian, I see the importance of these places. I have grown up around the racetracks of this state and it seems utterly irresponsible and short sighted to take safe, sanctioned locations for Motorsport and shut them down. This in turn just shifts the community who once had a safe, legal, regulated area to enjoy their hobbies to finding "somewhere that works" until another such track can be built (if one ever is). I hope it is clear why this should be very much of concern to those in support of this bill. Wouldn't it be easier to keep such activities in an anticipated area rather than seeing more random street takeovers?

In conclusion, this is one of several tracks throughout Oregon that are being affected and dismantled by unhelpful legislation and a community that does not seem to appreciate the value that comes along with these kinds of destinations. I implore you to consider the deep ripple affects of putting such a measure into place. Upon doing so, I hope you will see the flagrant disregard for the long term safety and enjoyment of our city written within. Please reconsider your position on this measure.