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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2738

My name is Eliza Lopez and I am a home owner in North Portland. I'm writing to provide my support for HB 2738 which prohibits leaded fuel at race tracks within a city of a certain size. This measure is very important to me and my family. We have a young child, who was born shortly after we moved into our new home. We loved the neighborhood because it was filled with families and has a large park with a playground within walking distance. We felt like we found the perfect place to start our family. It was later when we learned about PIR and the use of leaded fuel. Then more disturbingly, the high amounts of lead in the air, how it affects small children, and how test scores in our area of the city, are overall slightly lower. The information was shocking. I couldn't believe that Portland, a progressive city in terms of environmental and health issues, would allow this. We can hear the cars racing from our backyard and the park playground. The races occur mainly in the summer when the weather is nice and more people and children spend time outside. It's hard to balance the need for time in nature and open spaces, with staying inside for protection from air pollution. We like our neighborhood, we don't want to leave. We want to be part of those who are trying to fix problems and make this City cleaner and safer for our children and those to come. I urge you to do what is right and what is needed now, and support this measure. Thank you for your time.