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Honored Chair and Committee Members,

I'm Dr Richard Benson in Deschutes Co, writing to address the issues set forth in SB 115 which makes it illegal to use, sell, or possess any form of leaded aviation fuel after January 1, 2022. As a private/commercial pilot, I would like to point out that we have no control over the availability of a non-leaded option for aircraft fuel as of that date.

This bill, by instantly making it illegal to provide or use necessary fuel for craft used in agriculture, pipeline survey, search and rescue, firefighting, emergency services, the critical flight training needed to replenish our ageing airline pilot population, will have a dramatic and unexpected financial impact on many small businesses and rural communities.

Pilots have embraced the removal of lead from their fuel and the FAA has required they comply. It makes no sense to punish them for the failure of the marketplace to anticipate a demand in a timely fashion. This is simply a premature bill, and we request that you do not pass this bill at this time.

Sincerely, R T Benson Bend, Ore