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I'm a racer. I'm also a volunteer organizer at races. And I am a motorsports fan who enjoys watching racing at PIR. Please do not ban the use of leaded gasoline at Portland International Raceway.

The amount of lead present is tiny - it's not a danger to participants or employees of the track - and certainly no danger to those living around the track. Oregon DEQ studied this matter and found that there is no health concern. Note that aviation fuel also contains lead - if this were a health issue, we'd be looking at Oregon airports as well.

The use of leaded fuel allows Portland's race track to be a preferred destination for many racers. Racers bring much needed revenue to Portland. Racers use hotels, eat at restaurants, shop, and buy fuel for their tow trucks. Racing attract fans, and fans also stay in hotels, eat at restaurants, shop, and buy fuel. In return, it costs the city zero dollars to operate the track.

Because the presence of leaded fuel is clearly not a health concern, it seems that this bill is just another misguided effort to close down PIR. PIR provides a healthy outlet for motorsports fans, gearheads, and racers, many of whom rely on this healthy hobby for their mental health and happiness. PIR also helps to make Portland a destination for motorsport tourists.

Please do not ban leaded fuel use at PIR. Thank you.