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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2738

Dear Chair Lively and members of the Committee,

My name is Jamie Johnson and I am writing as a concerned Portland resident, urging you to support HB 2738 to eliminate an unnecessary toxin from threatening livelihoods in Oregon.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, there is no such thing as a safe level of lead exposure. Lead poses health threats to all people, but especially high risk to children and elderly populations. These health risks are why the United States has eliminate lead from most gasoline in the United States. Even NASCAR hasn't used leaded fuel in race cars in nearly two decades.

Meanwhile, Oregon does not protect our population centers from the harms posed by cars racing with leaded fuels. As a Portland resident, I often am in North Portland, biking the slough, running on the fields at Delta Park, or even visiting the racetrack at PIR. I'm just one person of the thousands who may be negatively impacted by the use of leaded fuels within the dense population bounds of Oregon's largest city.

A bill preventing the use of leaded gasoline will not ruin racing. As other racetracks have show, cars can, have been, and will be raced using gasoline that does not contain lead. Instead, HB 2738 will protect health and well being and I urge you to support it.