## February 9, 2023

Dear members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee

I am writing to you in favor of House Bill HB-304 – Modified Mufflers (Noise Abatement) Our residents have been complaining about loud noise caused by modified exhaust systems on our roadways.

For many of our residents, this has become a quality of life and a health issue. We have heard residents wake up from sleep because of these loud noises.

The City of College Park has paid police overtime to address the problem, and despite numerous citations, the problem persists. The City has also posted several signs on our roadways reminding motorists against such practices. It has become apparent that the current enforcement is insufficient to convince car owners to cease.

House Bill HB 304 will establish the Sound Measuring Equipment Grant Program for local law enforcement agencies to purchase vehicle sound-measuring equipment noise cameras. This bill also establishes a maximum sound level limit for motor vehicles that the MVA may set.

Sincerely yours,

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