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Esteemed Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

I am writing to express my support for HB304, *Motor Vehicles - Noise Limits and Modification of Exhaust Systems and Noise Abatement Devices*. As a member of the College Park City Council representing District 2, I am eager to have as many tools as possible to address what has become one of the biggest disturbances to quality of life in our area. We have posted signs informing the public of laws against modified mufflers. We have requested and received increased enforcement of those laws by our Contract Police Officers. Still, the issue persists.

When I was campaigning in 2021, noisy cars was a common complaint. Last year, one resident appeared before the Council saying he was at his wits' end. He was near a main thoroughfare and was increasingly having difficulty sleeping through the night. He begged us to do something to help. While passage of SB229 allowing municipalities to employ noise abatement devices is crucial, efforts to use that tool would be hampered without defining noise limits and providing the funding local law enforcement agencies need to purchase the much-needed devices

Thank you for putting this legislation forward. Employing noise abatement technology will allow us to continue to disincentivize the choices too many motorists continue to make.

Respectfully,

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