

To: Chairperson Delegate Kumar and Vice Chairperson Dana Stein,
Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

From Karen Coakley President Beltsville Citizen's Association

Re: HB1333 Motor Vehicles - Modified Vehicle Exhaust System - Penalties

I'm sure most of you are aware that certain animals begin to hibernate in the fall...sleeping through the winter months. Occasionally a stray animal will come out from hibernation and be seen and heard. Once spring arrives they come out of their shelter. ..They are playing and scampering about through the spring and summer months. Fortunately most animals do not have loud obnoxious toys. Humans do! The toys I'm referring to are human toys...automobiles with super loud modified mufflers. During the fall and winter months you do not hear the constant loud roar from a modified muffler. Humans go in to a partial hibernation too. Once spring and summer arrives so does the roar of the modified muffler. If it is a nice day or evening humans are out racing around with their toys (cars with modified mufflers). It is bad enough when you have to listen to the single modified muffler. When the racing groups are out there you have 20,30 50 plus cars modified mufflers on the roads. 20,30,50 plus roaring modified mufflers!!! To add insult to injury the drivers rev up the roar when they are at a stop sign or red light. The noise from the modified mufflers can be heard near and far. I live approximately 1.3 miles from the Washington Beltway and 1/2 a mile from Route 1. Warmer weather is just around the corner I love opening my windows to let the fresh air in. I do not enjoy letting the noise into my home. I look forward to ending a stressful day relaxing on my patio when the weather is warm. I enjoy listening to the birds chirping, children playing.... I do not enjoy the music provided by the extreme modified mufflers. I realize the owners and drivers might consider the roar of a modified muffler "Music". I do not!!!! I am not the only one offended by the roar of the modified mufflers. As a community activist one of the Biggest complaints I have received over the past couple of years is the constant noise these modified mufflers are bringing into the community. I meet with other community leaders on a monthly basis to discuss mutual problems and concerns. The modified mufflers is a regional problem! Whether it's a lone driver going up-and-down the neighborhood streets or the racing groups drive driving on the highways. Please turn back the clock on the modified mufflers and pass HB1333. Please restore some tranquility for the

residents of Maryland by passing HB1333. Please end the modified mufflers.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen M Coakley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that loops back under the name.

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