

## Committee testimony on House Bill 1333

My name is Hector R Rodriguez and I live at 6960 Sunfleck Row in Columbia, Maryland. We have lived there over thirty-three years. In the last year or so our neighbors and we have experienced the plague of extremely loud cars using Cradlerock Way and Homespun Lane to drive the local residents crazy. These young drivers consider this activity their right and consider that they are exercising their "freedom" to assault the neighborhood with rude and violent shockwaves of excessive noise from their moving machines. Some of these young men have even stopped to remonstrate when one of our neighbors have looked with surprise and displeasure as they were so assaulted as they cut their grass while the offending motorists passed by. One of our neighbors is dealing with serious, if not terminal, cancer who seeks only the quiet time to recover from her serious illness. Another family whose property backs up to Homespun Lane recently invested in building themselves a deck, which they have not been able to enjoy given the constant barrage of shock waves from so many revving engines.

This bill is the minimum to be expected of our elected officials. Much more remains to be done, including the training of our law enforcement officers to literally and proactively keep the peace in our neighborhoods.

Little did we know when we moved to Columbia and Howard County over three decades ago that the peaceful, idyllic and environmentally sound community would become unlivable so quickly.

Thank you for acting favorably on this house bill as the first of many steps to regain the tranquility which makes for the positive raising of our families in Maryland.