

Hello! I am Barbara Sollner-Webb, President of West Laurel Civic Association, begging you -- on behalf of our over 3,000 tax-paying members -- to pass HB1333. The tranquility of our neighborhood, as well as inordinately many others across Maryland, has been incredibly bothered by excessively loud vehicular noise. Vast numbers of neighbors have complained about this racket, and the dangerous driving that accompanies it. Please realize that we are not talking about heartening sounds of vehicles transporting individuals and materials to foster a robust economy. But rather, increasingly much in the last two years, we have been bothered by herds of hot-rods and other souped-up vehicles, driving excessively fast and emitting ear-splittingly loud noise, many I am told being vehicles that have been altered specifically to make disturbingly loud noise. While I understand that some individuals have no way to boost their ego or proclaim their self-worth other than driving around, emitting hellishly loud sounds as well as planet-damaging greenhouse gases, I feel it is not their right to disturb everyone else's tranquility in order to engage in such self-centered gratification. Please pass HB1333, that puts teeth into diminishing noise for noise's sake.