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I am writing in support of HB-1333, Modified Vehicle Exhaust System - Penalties

I reside on Route 212, Riggs Road in Prince George's County and we are plagued with a dozen or more daily passages of vehicles with intentionally modified exhaust systems which emit loud noise including some that emit a continuous stream of backfiring. This disturbing practice has grown steadily over the last three years. Some of these vehicles can be heard nearly a mile away as they approach and another mile beyond after they pass our home. The noise these vehicles emit is clearly well in excess of original manufacturer exhaust equipment. Their operation is often accompanied by excessive speeding. The majority of the population is greatly offended that the State Legislature and law enforcement agencies are unwilling to effectively address this problem.

I believe that the higher fines proposed in HB-1333 will act as a deterrent to the violators. In addition, I hope that the higher fines act as a spur to law enforcement that they recognize the public want the noise violations laws to be enforced.

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