

Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and members of the committee.

My name is Karen Coakley, President of the Beltsville Citizen's Association. I am a lifelong community activist, supporting 1st responders. I have served on the Prince George's County Wide Fire Chief's CAC with Chief Mark Bashor and represented my community on the local Police District CAC for over 20 years. Last year I spoke at hearings on Senator Beidle's bill SB612.

Over the past few years Street Racing and the NOISE from the Modified Mufflers have been in the top 5 complaints from residents of Beltsville. These issues were also repeatedly discussed at our District 6 Police CAC meetings over the past year and a half.

We have laws in place that set limits for noise from parties, music etc... at private residence and legitimate businesses. We have laws in place that restrict the hours of operation for landscaping companies. Yet the drivers of cars with Modified Mufflers are allowed to run the streets 24/7. It is bad enough when one Lone Wolf Driver is racing thru our neighborhoods disturbing our peace and tranquility. It is a thousand times worse when the Lone Wolves get together for one of their Racing Parties. I live a three blocks from Route 1 in Beltsville and 1 mile from the intersection of Route 1 and the Washington Beltway/ I-95. When the Lone Wolf or Wolf Pack is out I can hear them inside my house....even with the windows Closed! If my immediate neighbors and Legitimate Businesses can face fines and penalties for NOISE....then there should be consequences, penalties and fines for the drivers and owners of the cars with Illegal Modified Mufflers.

Why is Someone's Illegal Muffler Alterations more important than the Peace and Tranquility of Maryland Residence! Maryland Residents should be able to enjoy the Peace and Tranquility in their Homes.....They should not be subject to the constant ROAR from the Lone Wolf or the Wolf Pack Racing around Our Communities Gunning or Revving their car engines for entertainment.

Please Vote YES for Senator Beidle's SB0229! Vote YES for Maryland Residents!

Karen Coakley

President Beltsville Citizens Association

4412 Tonquil Street

Beltsville, Maryland 20705

301-741-7672

karenmcoakley@gmail.com