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Re: Senate Bill SB-229

Good morning:

I am writing to voice my support for Senate Bill SB-229 will allow a city or a county in the State of Maryland to add noise-abatement monitoring systems (otherwise known as “noise cameras”).

The sound of menacingly loud exhaust systems is a chronic problem in my neighborhood because we have the Beltway to the North, University Blvd to the South, and Rhode Island Ave to the East. People can be heard drag racing or speeding at all hours and often in the early morning 1am-4am. It frightens my dogs and I feel unsafe.

My neighbor’s sister was in a serious car accident where she was rear-ended by drag racers and nearly killed. The sound of these modified exhausts reminds me of this danger because the same people with the modified exhausts are the ones racing and driving so aggressively that I’m afraid to drive on the beltway anymore. They are a symptom of a larger problem, and they are also just acting selfishly and insensitively toward the community. These proposed “noise cameras” seem like one way to make this behavior more costly and will hopefully act as a deterrent.

Thank you,



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