

SB0229 Comment - Written

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We're strongly in favor of curtailing excessive vehicle noise. We don't live on a large street -- it's a two-way, 35MPH road (Rhode Island Ave in northern College Park) -- but even with two speed cameras nearby there is significant and disruptive road noise most of the time. We understand that motor vehicles make noise; that's natural. However, there are clearly individuals who intentionally modify (and operate) their vehicles to be much, much louder than baseline. We're fans of freedom of expression and leisure, but when those activities impose on unwilling participants, it feels unjust. The levels of noise are disruptive to families and regular work & sleep schedules.

It's important that these efforts NOT target people who are struggling to maintain their vehicles; like taillight/headlight programs (e.g. the "Lights On!" microgrant), please provide consideration or language which focuses enforcement on modified or inherently-loud vehicles, not on malfunctioning ones.

Thanks.

-Jimmy Acevedo