

Bill 14-24

Vehicle Noise Abatement Monitoring

Public Hearing Comment

Hearing Date 9/17/24

I support Bill 14-24 and pleased to know that from time to time, our Council, specifically Councilmember Dawn Luedke, has the common sense to write legislation that directly improves the quality of life in Montgomery County. Bill 14-24 appears to be a good first step in that direction.

Illegal mufflers are an enormous problem in this County, and have destroyed what little peace and tranquility we have left. Noise pollution is at a level never witnessed in our history. Leaf blowers, trucks, back up alarms, delivery trucks – Amazon, UPS, DHL, Fed Ex - in and out of our neighborhoods 24/7, landscape contractors, leaf blowers, commercial mowers, weed wackers, home improvement contractors, power washers, traffic, municipal infrastructure projects and last but not least, incredibly loud, high decibel illegal mufflers, the worst of all.

To a 12 year old, the solution is obvious – have our police issue citations, but for some unknown reason, this is not being done. Our attempts to enjoy our backyards after a long day of work is greeted with incessant racing and the blaring, ear piercing sound of illegal mufflers.

I support our police to enforce this law, but as an alternative, I support Bill 14-24 in hopes that it may have some impact.

Robert Portanova