

I am writing to you to confirm my support of S 66 the current revision of Vermont's vehicle noise ordinance. I live in Milton and have since the late 70's. I live at the intersection of Vermont Rt 7 and Lake Road. Lake road is at a slight upgrade from Rt 7 and vehicles tend to accelerate up the hill or trucks tend to Jake brake down the hill. The State of Vermont worked with the town of Milton to reconfigure the intersection to make it safer. They changed from an Y intersection to a right angle and lowered the grade and installed concrete gravity retaining wall. The noise generated from up hill traffic here is so loud at times my wife and I can't hear each other speak at the kitchen table. (And this isn't from deficient hearing). The drivers treat the concrete retaining wall as a sound chamber and see how loud and fast they can race uphill. The offending Jake braking down the hill is mostly a few violators with inadequate or no mufflers and mostly with vehicles returning empty of their loads. The motor cycles passing on Lake road and rt 7 are mostly inadequately muffled. Memorial Day Rolling Thunder is a prime example. While Don Turner was manager he heard my issues and we discussed many ways to address the noise and speed at the intersection. At the time S64 was on the wall and I offered to give testimony but as we know S 64 didn't get traction. I am hopeful that S66 generates some discussion. I expressed my concerns to my senator Chris Mattos who lives past me off my road. He is aware of the noise and understands my concern. He shared his concerns about the pressure on law enforcement to implement this. I see law enforcement in the role of identifying offenders and the state inspection process under 1222 evaluating compliance. I see the bill attempting to put fine generated money back in the enforcement budget. I also believe this bill has been carefully drafted. As you know Vermont is currently the only state in the union with no restrictions on vehicle noise.

Thank you for considering this.

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