



March 12, 2024

The Honorable Robert E. Craven
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: House Bill Number: H7368 Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles- Noise Limits For Motor Vehicles

Dear Chairman Craven and Honorable Judiciary Committee Members,

I am writing to express our support for House Legislation H7368, which pertains to motor and other vehicles—noise limits for motor vehicles. This legislation presents a critical opportunity for our communities to address the issue of excessive noise pollution through innovative means.

House Bill 7368 offers municipalities the authority to employ automated noise violation detection systems. These systems are designed to monitor and identify instances of noise limit violations, leveraging technology to enforce existing regulations effectively. By doing so, this legislation aims to alleviate the challenges associated with enforcing sound regulations while promoting a quieter and more peaceful environment for all residents.

The implementation of automated noise violation detection systems aligns with the evolving landscape of technological advancements. It allows communities in Rhode Island to leverage available market technology to hold violators accountable for their actions. Moreover, by delegating the responsibility of monitoring noise violations to automated systems, law enforcement resources can be redirected towards addressing more pressing matters, enhancing overall public safety.

One of the primary benefits of House Bill 7368 is its potential to significantly reduce noise pollution state-wide. By empowering municipalities to install and utilize automated systems, enforcement capabilities can be enhanced, thereby deterring future noise violations and fostering greater compliance with sound regulations. This proactive approach not only contributes to the well-being of residents but also underscores our commitment to preserving the quality of life in our community.

In conclusion, I urge you to support House Bill 7368 and its efforts to address noise pollution through the deployment of automated noise violation detection systems. By embracing technology and strengthening enforcement mechanisms, we can create a more harmonious living environment for all Rhode Island residents.

On behalf of the League of Cities and Towns thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express our views.

Sincerely,

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Cc: House Judiciary Members
Ernie Almonte, Executive Director, RILCT