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**From:** Philip Gustin <philip.gustin@icloud.com>  
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**To:** House Judiciary Committee  
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**Subject:** Support of HB-7368 - Automated Traffic Violation Monitoring Systems: Noise Limits

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Philip Gustin-Helms and I reside in Providence's Mt. Pleasant neighborhood with my husband and two children. Since having moved to Providence three years ago, we have fallen in love with the culture, diversity, and vibe of the city and Rhode Island as a whole – we are very happy to call it home. However, we have become increasingly aware and concerned with the lack of enforcement in certain aspects of life in Providence—especially noise levels created by car exhausts and radios. Living in a city, we certainly understand there is a level of noise that is to be expected, but the level of noise that *many* cars make is simply unacceptable. Lack of enforcement of drivers being irresponsible with their cars (loud exhaust, radio, speeding, running stop signs – the list goes on honestly), presents a near constant issue at our house and around the city. We live on an intersection one block off Chalkstone and Mt. Pleasant and the number of cars that drive by (or even on surrounding streets) per hour with loud exhausts and radios is easily between 20-30. During nicer weather, whether sitting on our porch, enjoying our backyard, or talking to neighbors, you actually have to stop talking or raise your voice to contend with the sound of some cars – unacceptable. This issue does not stop once inside either, as cars can easily be heard inside with windows closed. Having moved here from Florida, where there is no vehicle inspection, we're confused why so many cars are on the road here in Rhode Island, that simply would not pass an inspection if done at any moment.

All this said, as a concerned resident of Providence, we strongly support any and all enforcement of vehicle noise, including noise cameras.

As stated in Providence's Comprehensive Plan, we are poised to become a world-class city... let's follow other world class cities (Paris, London, etc.) and implement these very important enforcements to ensure that Providence is a pleasant city to live, work, and play in.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
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