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Lakefront Residents Affected by Vehicular Noise Are on Path to Relief Thanks to Feigenholtz Legislation

CHICAGO – In response to the public outcry from her constituents living along Lake Shore Drive, Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago, has introduced House Bill 2361. This legislation would allow the City of Chicago to install a noise monitoring system to study the impact of vehicular noise.

“The residents living along Lake Shore Drive have reached out to their elected leaders along the lakefront in pursuit of a solution. Residents are awakened in the middle of the night by motorists who flagrantly violate the law with loud unmuffled exhaust systems,” Feigenholtz said. “Noise monitoring devices will help officials get a better sense of decibel levels and data collection that will turn antidotal information in to hard data. This will be a first step in addressing the problem head on.”

“The installation of a noise monitoring system will produce concrete data showing the severity of the noise pollution and will help prompt greater action,” she added.

HB 2361 would allow the City of Chicago to enact an ordinance providing for a noise monitoring system upon any portion of Lake Shore Drive. The noise monitoring system would be capable of recording noise levels 24 hours per day and would be equipped with computer software capable of processing the data. The noise monitoring system would be similar in concept to the monitoring system used to measure jet noise around O’Hare International Airport.

“Excessive vehicular noise is more than just a nuisance,” said Feigenholtz. “People are losing sleep because of the noise and it’s impacting their quality of life.”

The measure is widely supported by lakefront Alderman Tunney, Capplemann, Reilly, Hopkins, Osterman and Smith.

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