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Feigenholtz Legislation Aiming to Protect Lakeshore Residents from Excessive Noise Pollution Passes House

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Legislation sponsored by state Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago, allowing the City of Chicago to install a noise monitoring system to study the impact of vehicular noise along Lake Shore Drive passed the House of Representatives on Wednesday.

"High-rise dwellers along Lake Shore Drive share complaints on a regular basis with their elected officials about vehicular noise," Feigenholtz said. "This is the first step to mitigate the problem of noise pollution along the drive and provide residents with some much needed relief."

"The data collected through scientific noise monitoring will provide solid evidence of the problem and can give engineers more data to consider noise implications when making changes or improvements to Lake Shore Drive," she added.

House Bill 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.

"Our office continues to receive calls, letters and emails from frustrated residents asking for relief from the noise generated by motorists," said Feigenhotlz. "We need policy makers at all levels of government to work together to alleviate this problem, and I look forward to continuing to work with them to fix the problem of noise pollution."

The measure is widely supported by lakefront Alderman Tom Tunney, James Cappleman, Brendan Reilly, Brian Hopkins, Harry Osterman and Michele Smith.

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