

Dear Representative Sollman,

Thank you for submitting Housebill 2538 concerning the level of decibels that modified mufflers create. We live within 200 feet of the intersection of Cornell and Orenco Station Parkway. With closed windows we can hear the vehicles with the modified mufflers coming from hundreds of feet away, through the intersection, and beyond and they pass through. It actually blocks out the sound from our tv.

The later the evening, the number of vehicles with so very loud mufflers increase; to the point of where it sounds like drag racing. One night at 2am I was awakened by 2 cars doing donuts at that intersection. The smoke from the burning tires was about 50 feet high.

The Orenco Station neighborhood was designed as a mixed use, family oriented, and pedestrian area. As a pedestrian, of course the decibel levels are even more so. Beyond the noise level, the other concern is the pedestrian safety as many motorists with these modified mufflers are reckless, running the red light, or jumping the right on green and one day a pedestrian will get plowed over.

I have submitted my complaints to the Hillsboro Police but they felt there was not much they could do. If this law passes, please give the officers who address traffic issues in our towns and cities the tools and the authority they need to enforce this issue. From what I read, California has a \$1,000.00 fine.

Again, thank you for your concern about this issue, and for submitting HB2538 to help address this issue.

Sincerely yours,  
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