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Mayor Brandon Johnson
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Dear Mayor Johnson,

Noise pollution has become a major issue in the city of Chicago. Motorcycles and cars with modified mufflers and excessively loud engines exceed the acceptable decibel levels and speed limits and have created dangerous situations for everyone who lives, works or visits the city.

These vehicles race around the city at excessive speeds with screeching noise and perform extremely dangerous stunts that endanger the lives of those who may be in their path. It appears that there is no enforcement and further there are no consequences. The situation is out of control and these dangerous antics that disturb the peace need to be stopped.

SOAR respectfully asks that there be some system of enforcement applied to these situations.

The illegal vehicle modifications and roaring noises create many unsafe situations for those who travel alongside them. The noise from these vehicles that race all over Streeterville, from Lake Shore Drive, to North Michigan Avenue, to Grand Avenue to Columbus Drive and other side streets is outrageous and something needs to be done to change the situation.

We appreciate your support and assistance in pursuit of a solution for these dangerous conditions.

Respectfully,

Deborah Gershbein
President, on Behalf of the SOAR Board of Directors, Residents and Visitors of Streeterville

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