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Julie Orlet Public Comment

My name is Julie Orlet and I live at 208 East Main Street, Suite 330, in Belleville, Illinois. I rent my loft from Geri Boyer. I live on the third floor of the 208 East Main Street building and my unit shares a wall with Copper Fire, which is located at 200 East Main Street. The noise from Copper Fire is absolutely unbearable.

I have lived in my unit for over ten years and prior to Copper Fire moving in, I never had an issue with the sound from my neighbors. Unfortunately, my loft is now noisy several nights a week and sometimes in the afternoons.

The noise from Copper Fire has greatly impacted my ability to live comfortably in the place which I have called home for over a decade. When my adult children come to visit me, they find it impossible to sleep in my living room until after the bands have stopped playing at Copper Fire. The sound has also impacted my ability to enjoy basic comforts inside my home. For example, I can no longer watch a movie or television in my loft because it is often impossible to hear the television over the noise emanating through the walls at Copper Fire. I have also been forced to stop having people over in the evenings because of the noise from Copper Fire.

Further, historically, when I traveled, I would rent out my loft as an Airbnb. I am no longer able to do so, as I am obligated to disclose the fact that it's noisy in my loft several nights a week and sometimes in the afternoons.

This noise has negatively impacted so many aspects of my life. Geri has kept me informed of the process and I trust the Illinois Pollution Control Board will require Copper Fire to do the right thing and address their sound so I can once again enjoy peace in my own home.

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