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Ms. Dorothy Gunn
Illinois Pollution Control Board
100 West Randolph
Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601

RE: Petrosius v. Illinois Tollway PCB 04-36

Dear Ms. Gunn:

Please add the enclosed letters to the Public Comment file on the above referenced case. Thank you.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the 312-944-8200.

Sincerely,



Scott Dworschak
Attorney at Law

Enc. Decker
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To whom it may concern,

Please enter my information for record.

I purchased my house at 7330 MARINSON RD on June 1995. At the time of purchase the appraisal indicated undesirable location because of the low wall and noise from the expressway. Please note the noise was loud but it was my first house & a compromise was made. A few months later the tollway knocked down the house on the connecting lot making the noise unbearable. (This property was bought by the tollway for the ramp)

We could no longer open our double pane Anderson windows as the noise level is outrageous. We must keep our windows/doors closed year round. We can not enjoy the fresh air as the noise screams through out the house. We can not even b-b-qe outside as you can not have a conversation with anyone because of the noise level. When our children swim or play in the yard you must stay within 5 feet to hear them. I myself contacted Bunny at the tollway and while she acknowledged the wall was built under code level required that the tollway

is not scheduled to have construction in this portion until 2025. At that time they will look into. Nothing has happened so far. Outside is not the only issue, while you are inside the house the noise level affects my sleep time, watching TV etc. With the double pane windows the noise should not be able through.

As an example: When we first moved in, our first night in the house we ~~was~~ were awoken from sleeping to a large consistent 3 second bang. We thought someone was trying to break in. I called the police & my husband went outside to check. He found nothing. The police arrived and advised after checking that it was the jack breakers on the Tollway.

Our life quality inside/outside of our house is compromised because of this noise

Thank You
Mr. & Mrs. Kluma

To : Members of the Pollution Control Board
From: Dr. & Mrs. Glenn A Decker
10211 5th Avenue Cutoff
Countryside, IL, 60525
Date: December 4, 2005
Subject: Excessive Noise Levels Associated with I-294 Tollway

Our property sits in a very nice wooded area along the 5th avenue cutoff, with a toll booth on the other side of my back fence. Large trucks from the United Parcel Service plant across the I-294 tollway regularly use this toll booth and frequently use engine braking as they approach it. The entire tollway is elevated along this stretch, broadcasting noise directly onto all of the properties along our road. This has affected our quality of life in a number of ways.

First, it is impossible to carry on a normal conversation anywhere on the property without shouting to be heard over the din. I believe a professional study of the noise levels experienced in our neighborhood has been conducted and the measured levels have been deemed to be excessive. This is certainly in accordance with our experience, however the noise level on our property likely exceeds the levels described in the report due to our proximity to the toll booth

Second, we must keep our windows closed even during the most pleasant days of the year to block the noise. We have had to move our bedroom to the front dining room to get away from the racket, which is only slightly reduced in comparison to the rest of the house. The trucks pulling through the toll booth are heard everywhere indoors at all times. There is a very bright flashing blue light associated with the toll booth, making it nearly impossible to sleep in our upstairs bedrooms without keeping the window closed to block the noise and the shades pulled to block the flashing.

Finally, my wife suffers from Multiple Sclerosis, and the constant noise levels experienced while spending time outdoors tend to exacerbate her symptoms. She does not do well in large crowds or anywhere that excessive noise occurs. As it is, she must nap for several hours every afternoon, which can be less than pleasant with so many trucks passing by our back fence.

From our point of view, the noise levels at home are beyond being simply a nuisance, and we would welcome the construction of a noise barrier to improve our quality of life.

Dr. Glenn Decker

Melinda R. Decker