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THE CITY OF DES PLAINES

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U.S.E.P.A
Attention ONAC Docket 81-02
Washington, D. C. 20460

Re: Medium & Heavy Duty Trucks
ANR- 490
ONAC Docket 81-02

Gentlemen:

It is inconceivable that after the many years that the U. S. EPA has been working on noise standard regulations for medium and heavy duty trucks your agency could consider to withdraw the 1982 standard of 80 dB(A) and leave regulation up to the individual states and localities.

Whose side are you on? The Truckers?

The Illinois Supreme Court ruled in the case Des Plaines vs Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company that noise is a state matter, not for a Home Rule Community, and that all community and county noise abatement ordinances are "null and void."

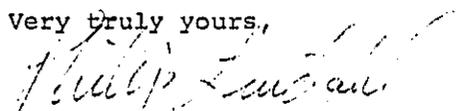
Now Governor James Thompson announced that he wants to save money by eliminating the office of noise abatement from the Illinois Environment Protection Agency, so there won't be anyone in Illinois to "Mind the Store."

Your recommendation to relax the noise standards for medium and Heavy duty trucks in 1982 will eliminate all advances made to date in making our communities a quiet place to live.

Des Plaines has two tollways, five federal highways and seven state highways plus three railroads and shares the fence line with O'Hare International Airport.

Who will come to our rescue if you relax the noise standards for the medium and heavy duty trucks in 1982?

Very truly yours,


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