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Mr. Paul Kardos  
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Dear Mr. Kardos:

Commissioner Jamie Fox has asked me to respond to your letter requesting that the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) re-examine our "Conceptual Noise Barrier Feasibility Study of 2003". I appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

The NJDOT has adopted a realistic, comprehensive policy which recognizes that noise impacts of traffic growth cannot be eliminated. However, just as we strive to make incremental improvements in the safety and efficiency of our highway network, traffic noise must be managed through a similar incremental comprehensive approach. NJDOT's current policy is to conduct noise studies only for Type I projects, which are projects that involve new highways and significant improvements to existing roadways (addition of new lanes).

The study you have requested would not meet this criteria as no improvements are proposed for Route I-80, therefore, it would be considered a study of a Type II barrier. Type II projects involve the construction of noise barriers to reduce noise levels at residential areas and other sensitive land uses adjacent to existing Interstates. Due to funding constraints, NJDOT is not initiating any Type II noise wall construction since they compete directly with projects to improve safety on our roads, reduce congestion, and repair aging bridges and roadways.

Further information on NJDOT's Noise Policy can be accessed on the Department's web site at: <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/eng/documents/env/pdf/TrafficNoisePolicy.pdf>

I hope this information is helpful and thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Case".

John Case  
Acting Assistant Commissioner  
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