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The Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen
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Dear Representative Frelinghuysen:

I'm concerned that New Jersey is losing out on Federal funding for what is called Type II noise abatement projects (noise abatement on existing highways).

Per 23 CFR Part 772 (772.15 (a)), "Type I and II Projects. Federal funds may be used for noise abatement measures when (1) Traffic noise impacts have been identified, and (2) Abatement measures have been determined to be feasible and reasonable."

New Jersey is not even checking for feasible and reasonableness due to a short-sighted noise barrier policy that states, "No additional requests will be accepted."

I'd like to know how much in Federal funds we are losing due to this short-sightedness. Would Federal funds match state funds dollar for dollar? Pay 90% of a project? Or pay the full amount? Is there any way of finding out how much money New Jersey is losing?

Sincerely,



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