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Jamie Fox, Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Fox:

I am a NJ resident concerned with the noise from I-80 near exit 35B.

A *Conceptual Noise Barrier Feasibility Study*<sup>1</sup> in 2003 found, “that it is not possible for barriers to be constructed feasibly and cost effectively to protect the Fox Hills Development.”

I have reviewed this study and find that the study does not follow accepted methodologies (attachment 1). When accepted methodologies are followed, barriers are indeed feasible and reasonable (attachment 2). If NJ had a priority system similar to other states, I’m certain that construction of noise barriers near I-80 Exit 35 would be one of the most reasonable expenditures for noise reduction as any in NJ.

Please examine the study attached (attachment 2), or conduct a new study of your own following accepted methodologies, and compare it with the study attached. If there are differences, I’m sure they can be resolved so that we have a study acceptable to all that then can be used for further noise barrier decisions.

Very truly yours,



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<sup>1</sup> The 2003 study is available for download at [I80Noise.weebly.com](http://I80Noise.weebly.com)

