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**BY ELECTRONIC MAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

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**RE: WSDOT Noise Variance #3027364**

Dear Director Torgelson:

The undersigned members of the Seattle delegation to the Washington State Legislature write to oppose the request by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for a variance from the City of Seattle's noise ordinance as set forth in application #3027364. If granted, the variance would allow work to proceed on the Montlake phase of the SR 520 project 24 hours per day, seven days a week, for the next seven years.

Even if performed entirely during hours permitted for construction under the noise ordinance, the Montlake phase will impose dramatic burdens on the project's neighbors for the next several years. Montlake is a densely populated residential neighborhood. Allowing the project to proceed during all hours of the day or night without any opportunity for city oversight or correction during this long period would undermine the protections that the ordinance is supposed to provide for the health and welfare of residents of the city.

WSDOT has not shared with legislators any information to suggest that restricting the hours during which construction can happen on the Montlake phase will cause the project to become "economically or functionally unfeasible". WSDOT has not proposed alternatives to this dramatic burden on the Montlake neighborhood. By contrast, we have heard clearly from our constituents that they

would prefer a longer project that would not prevent them from having a good night's sleep during the active construction work.

We strongly encourage you to deny this application and require WSDOT to seek narrowly targeted variances on a case-by-case basis.

Yours truly,

  
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