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Ms. Laura Cahn
Chairwoman
New Haven Environmental Advisory Council

Via Electronic Mail: laurasline@sbcglobal.net

Dear Ms. Cahn:

Thank you for your letter dated January 5, 2022, to Administrator Michael S. Regan of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), urging the Agency to reestablish the Office of Noise Abatement and Control (ONAC).

Many people in communities around the U.S. are adversely impacted by noise and the EPA is sympathetic to these concerns. While EPA's budget does not include an increase in funding to re-establish an Office of Noise Abatement and Control, EPA is working to update resources and information to educate the public about the health effects of noise pollution. In addition, there are current and future grant opportunities that may be relevant to help address noise pollution interests on top of air quality goals, such as the [Environmental Justice Small Grants Program](#), and the [Clean School Bus Program](#).

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service and trust the information provided is helpful. If you and your organization have suggestions for information that may be useful to assist or share, please feel free to contact Catrice Jefferson, of my staff, at jefferson.catrice@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Shoaff", is written over the typed name.

John Shoaff
Director

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