



The Alliance of Residents Concerning O'Hare, Inc.

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"To achieve a balance between public health and the economy"

April 11, 2000

Richard M. Daley, Mayor
City of Chicago
121 North LaSalle
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Mayor Daley:

One of the major themes of your administration is bettering "quality of life" in Chicago, and among the issues you have addressed in these efforts is noise pollution.

The Alliance of Residents Concerning O'Hare (AReCO) commends you and your administration on your efforts to abate noise pollution. Since its founding in 1993, AReCO has been concerned about the escalation of noise in Chicago and the surrounding communities, and its deleterious effects on hearing, health and the quality of this great city. To that end, AReCO joins with local, national and international agencies and associations to celebrate International Noise Awareness Day on April 12, 2000.

In addition to a multitude of activities planned by the League for the Hard of Hearing, AReCO and participating organizations, the primary media and public focus on International Noise Awareness Day will be the "Quiet Diet" - 60 seconds of no noise from 2:15 to 2:16 p.m.

"International Noise Awareness Day needs your support and participation to succeed. We hope you will issue a proclamation declaring April 12, 2000 "International Noise Awareness Day" and, adopt the Resolution to Refund the EPA Office of Noise Abatement and Control."

The City of Chicago can help celebrate "International Noise Awareness Day" at City Hall for the presentation of the proclamation and the adoption of the Resolution, as well as helping us to publicly observe the "Quiet Diet" by joining us in making no noise for one minute, from 2:15 to 2:16 p.m. immediately following the presentation of the proclamation.

Proud Recipient: *1995 Environmental Merit Award, Arlington Heights - 1996, '99 Illinois State Senate Recognition
Protecting the Health and Safety of Millions of O'Hare Affected Citizens*

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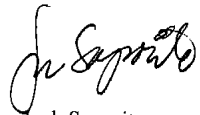
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Please call my office directly at (847) 506-0670 if you have any questions or need any other information, and thank you for both your leadership on this issue and your consideration of our request.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Jack Saporito
Executive Director

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO REFUND THE OFFICE OF NOISE ABATEMENT AND CONTROL IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WHEREAS noise is one of the leading causes of hearing loss in 28 million people with hearing impairment in the United States, and

WHEREAS noise is an environmental pollutant that is hazardous to both mental and physical health, and

WHEREAS noise has been correlated with hypertension, cardiovascular and other physiological disorders, and

WHEREAS noise interferes with language acquisition, cognition and learning, and

WHEREAS noise has long been recognized as a major community annoyance and

WHEREAS it is essential that an independent organization have primary domain in overall noise matters, and

WHEREAS the FAA currently acts as both judge and jury in matters of aircraft noise, and

WHEREAS the EPA has legislative authority but lacks funding for overseeing a broad spectrum of noise problems, and

WHEREAS the League for the Hard of Hearing and other hearing health organizations support the refunding of the Office of Noise Abatement and Control

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Chicago strongly urges President Clinton to use his authority to refund the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Noise Abatement and Control.