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Dear City Council members,

I'm writing in opposition to the proposed soundwall along Interstate 605. Why? Well it turns out "**Walls are not a very effective solution**" according to Robert Bernhard, vice president for research at the University of Notre Dame and an expert on noise control. ([source](#))

- In some cases, soundwalls have proven to actually **amplify noise or redirect it to other, nearby neighborhoods**.
- In addition, barriers can **disrupt wildlife** communication, migration, and even reproduction.
- Finally, they're ugly and they **promote urban blight**.

With regards to noise along the highway, why are we not addressing the *source* of the noise? If we want less noise, then we should reduce traffic volumes, replace combustion engines, and invest in alternative modes of transportation.

Spending **\$3 MILLION** to build a concrete wall is a foolish waste of resources and that expense would have much higher ROI if it was applied elsewhere. Just last month, this Council rejected a CCA application fee of \$30,000 (even after a member volunteered to pay from their one-times), but now you're willing to expend \$3 million on concrete? That's super disappointing.

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