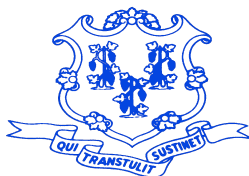


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## NEW LAW CHAMPIONED BY REP. FONTANA TAKES EFFECT

**State Representative Steve Fontana (D-North Haven) and State Senator Leonard Fasano (R-North Haven)** announce a new law to allow municipalities to establish special taxing districts for the installation of sound barriers. Such districts are subject to the same requirements that apply to existing types of special districts, regarding their creation and termination, modification of district boundaries, meetings, and referenda.

"I am pleased to have worked with Senator Fasano to get this law passed," said Rep. Fontana. "I made securing this legislation a personal priority because of the concerns that North Haven residents who live near Interstate 91 and the Wilbur Cross Parkway shared with me, regarding the impact on them of highway road noise, soot, debris, and vibration. This law will enable North Haven to collect revenues from affected residents, and then to use those revenues to pay the Department of Transportation to build sound barriers or other noise abatement mechanisms along those limited access highways."

"This legislation gives control back to our constituents by allowing them to establish their own districts and finance the construction of sound barriers to decrease the noise created by highway traffic," said Senator Fasano, who represents North Haven, East Haven, and Wallingford, three towns intersected by interstate highways. "If government funding is not available, there is no reason that Connecticut residents should not be able to have these barriers built. That being said, I still remain committed to fighting on both the state and federal level for additional funding."

*Rep. Fontana is in his fifth term in the Connecticut General Assembly. He is Chair of the Energy and Technology Committee, and serves on the Insurance and Transportation Committees.*

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